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Tigress, 4 cubs found dead in M.M. Hills, poisoning suspected

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Five tigers – a mother and its cubs – were found dead in the M.M. Hills Wildlife Sanctuary in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka on Thursday, sending shock waves among conservationists.

Officials suspect it to be a case of poisoning. The carcasses were found in the Gajanur beat of the Meenyam Section which falls in the Hoogyam range of the wildlife sanctuary. There was also a carcass of a cow close to where the tigers were found dead, reinforcing the poison theory.

The incident is believed to have happened on Wednesday and it came to light on Thursday.

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Pahalgam excluded: India declines to sign SCO statement

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Rajnath Singh with his Chinese counterpart Dong Jun. ANI

India declined to endorse the joint statement at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting in China, and pushed for including tougher language on terrorism that would reflect the Indian position, particularly since the Pahalgam attack on April 22.

Sources said Defence Minister Rajnath Singh refused to sign the document on Thursday as it did not mention the Pahalgam attack but included militant activities in Balochistan. Pakistan and China were trying to divert attention from terrorism, and the document would have diluted India's position on critical issues, particularly terrorism and regional security, sources added.

Randhir Jaiswal, Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson, said: "We understand that the member countries could not reach consensus on certain issues and hence the document could not be finalised. India wanted concerns on terrorism reflected in the document which was not acceptable to one particular country. As such the joint statement was not adopted."

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Ax-4 docking successful, Shukla sets foot in ISS

IAF Group Captain is the pilot of the much-delayed mission and will spend two weeks in the space station; he is one of the four astronauts designated to take part in Gaganyaan mission

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla of the Indian Air Force created history on Thursday afternoon by becoming the first Indian to enter the International Space Station.

As the Dragon crew capsule carrying Mr. Shukla and three other astronauts as part of Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4) circled earth, he greeted people back home with a "*Namaskar* from space". The spacecraft then docked with the ISS at 4.01 p.m. IST as it passed over the north Atlantic Ocean.

For Mr. Shukla, this is the first step to a more ambitious mission as he is one of the four astronauts designated to take part in Gaganyaan, India's first human spaceflight mission. The Indian Space Research Organisation, which expects to conduct the first crewed flight under this mission no earlier than 2026, paid more than ₹500 crore for the Ax-4 mission to include Mr. Shukla and Prasanth Nair, another Gaganyaan designate who was part of the back-up crew for the Ax-4 mission.

Mission update: Shubhanshu Shukla and his fellow astronauts being welcomed aboard by the ISS crew. PTI

On Thursday's flight, Mr. Shukla was the mission pilot. A live videolink from NASA showed the spacecraft approaching the station, with the docking sequence being completed at 4.15 p.m. At the lift-off on Wednesday evening from Florida, Axiom Space – which is orchestrating the mission – had said the capsule would attempt docking in about 28 hours.

"Shubhanshu stands at the threshold entrance of International Space Station... as the world watches with excitement and expectation," Union Minister of State for Space Jitendra Singh wrote in a post on X.

The four astronauts aboard will spend the next two weeks at the ISS conducting scientific experiments, including eight from ISRO, and helping with the station's upkeep.

Axiom Space had targeted a May 29 launch date for Ax-4 but had to postpone it multiple times.

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Book Metro tickets soon using mobility apps

BENGALURU
Namma Metro commuters will soon be able to book tickets using a variety of mobility apps as BMRCL is set to enhance passenger convenience by integrating with the Open Network for Digital Commerce.
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Audit points to rise in C-section deliveries

BENGALURU
An audit of caesarean section (C-section) deliveries by a team of experts has found lack of confidence among specialists to take trials in moderate cases for fear of newborn morbidity and mortalityfor a rise in the surgical deliveries.
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Rishabh, the Pant-astic entertainer

The wicketkeeper-batter is not about bravado alone, he has the most hundreds by an Indian stumper; there is great method to his inimitable madness, so to question his methodology, however exasperating it might appear at times, is a little out of place

GETTY IMAGES

R. Kaushik
BIRMINGHAM

It's the morning of the fourth day, India's lead decent without being intimidating. Off the seventh ball of the day, Shubman Gill trudges off disconsolately to the pavilion, chopping a lifting, incoming ball from Brydon Carse on to his stumps. India hadn't just lost their captain, but also one of three centurions from the first innings. At 92 for three, they were ahead by 98, and not too many wickets away from a collapse – as subsequent events would prove.

Out walked a chunky, unprepossessing figure, triggering a frisson in the well-populated stands. In the first innings, he had uncorked a brilliant hundred of two parts – the first fifty came off 91 deliveries, his slowest to date.

Between 50 and 100, he needed just 55 balls, keeping his tryst with his eighth Test ton with a six. It wasn't unexpected; like Virender Sehwag, he likes to herald a milestone with a flourish when almost everyone else will get there with a nurdled single, a scrambled brace.

Then again, Rishabh Pant isn't 'everyone else'. Thank goodness for that. Back to day four, a regular Monday until Pant made sure it wasn't.

Early blood to England, India under pressure. Really? Clearly, Pant hadn't been paying attention. There's something about very early in his innings and a charge down the track to the fastest bowler in the opposition that is quintessentially Pant. In the first dig, he came haring the pitch to hammer his second ball, from England captain Ben Stokes, back past the bowler's head for a searing, statement boundary. For a second, Stokes – himself of the free spirit – was startled. Needless evasive action was followed by an unchecked bout of laughter. Stokes couldn't believe what he had just been subjected to. What's this guy made of?

Back again to day four. Carse, his tail up after cleaning up Gill, came bounding in, fresh as a daisy, determined to drive home the advantage. Ball two to Pant, who again embraced the charge-and-bash routine. Perhaps he needs to do that to get the circulation doing, perhaps he must do it because he is desperate to get off the dreaded duck, perhaps he just likes it. Whatever. He matched Carse for speed, waiting nearly till the ball left the bowler's hand before leaving his crease. Unlike in the first innings, there was neither shape nor control. As he threw his hands at the ball, it skewed off the outside edge and over the slips, down to vacant third man for four. Hello?

Headingley woke up, if at all it had gone into a slumber after an early strike by a home bowler. The buzz was unmistakable. The revolving door was here, no one knew what was coming next. What came next was a manic passage of play, with Pant doing the most outrageous of things even by Pant standards. 'Harakiri' came to mind.

K.L. Rahul, his Zen-like partner, was flummoxed. England were hopeful, optimistic, convinced that a wicket was but a ball away. In the dressing-room, Karun Nair, the next man in and playing his first Test in more than eight years, must have felt his heart thudding against his chest, knowing that he was on a pair, perhaps believing that the next ball would usher his presence into the middle.

Pant heaved. He slogged. He charged. He went hard at the bowling. He walked across his stumps, attempting the most extravagant and ill-advised hoick to fine-leg, his stumps exposed, the stroke more suited to the final over of a T20 game than during an intense, potentially decisive passage of play.

Pure theatre

Then, in pure theatre that broadcasters salivate over and those watching on television can't get enough of, Pant admonished himself. He spoke to himself, calmly, as if transported from his body, advising himself to play straight. He questioned himself about the need for extravagance. He tried to get himself to understand the gravity of the situation. The stump microphone isn't everyone's favourite but in this case, it threw up gold. Absolute gold. It provided a window to the extraordinary mind of an exceptional cricketer. Self-admonishment and self-advice worked, Pant became a more selective version of himself without sacrificing flair or entertainment or the wow factor. It made for magnificent viewing - on television, sure, but 100x magnified at the venue.

A second century of the match was almost inevitable once Pant spoke to Pant, once Pant heeded Pant. It was fascinating; every time Rahul was in his ears, Pant respectfully responded with *'haanji'*, then did what he wanted to do. It's not that he didn't respect his senior partner's inputs, it's just that he took them on board, fused them with his unique way of thinking and came up with solutions to questions England didn't even think they had posed.

It takes guts and courage and bravery and self-belief and a certain bullheadedness to embrace the Pant way of thinking. It comes with the attendant risk of failure, of looking silly – 'stupid, stupid, stupid', anyone? – of being taken to the cleaners by even those who revel in his success when he pulls off a reverse ramp in a Test match against James Anderson, or who clubs a Mitchell Starc screamer over mid-wicket as if having a friendly net against a wannabe left-arm spinner. But Pant is not about bravado alone; he does have eight Test hundreds, the most by an Indian wicketkeeper, and averages in the mid-40s. There is great method to his inimitable madness, so to question his methodology, however exasperating it might appear at times, is a little out of place.

You just have to focus on the reactions when you utter the name/word 'Pant' to see what he triggers in teammate and opponent alike. Rahul seemed almost in awe while speaking of the man with whom he shared a 195-run partnership. "You just stand there and admire and sometimes scratch your head about the shot selection and the outrageous cricket that he plays," Rahul, a stately Rolls Royce to the rollicking McLaren that Pant is, said the other day, trying his best to conceal the broad grin that reflected the joy in his heart.

"He's a unique, unique player and you just let him be. I've had a few partnerships with him, (including during) his first hundred in Oval (2018).

"We've batted together for a long period of time and he enjoys his cricket and that's how he likes to express himself," Rahul went on. "I just let him be and try and keep him as calm as I can. He obviously has a method to his batting which none of us in this room understand, but it seems to work for him."

Pant, 27, is now the deputy to Gill, 25. A combined age of 52 makes this amongst the youngest leadership playing groups India have put out in recent memory but the good news is that these two men have played a lot of cricket together at various levels, are great friends off the field and share a terrific relationship which augurs well for the future. Pant has emphatically played his hand – he will respect the responsibility that comes with the vice-captaincy, but he won't try to be anything other than what he is, because then he won't be the Pant he can be.

More than numbers

Given cricket's propensity to judge individuals by numbers, Pant is on to a great thing already, less than halfway through his international career. He has more Test hundreds in England than any other Indian apart from Rahul Dravid. Notice something there – India's best technician and India's most mercurial middle-order bat bunched together in an elite, exclusive club of two? Just goes to show that there are numerous ways to skin a cat. He is one of only two stumpers, after Andy Flower, to smack a hundred in both innings of the same Test. He is, simply, Rishabh Pant.

In the middle of all this, around the excitement and the hype and the encomiums, it's easy to forget that he is only 27. That he is still a very, very young man, not just in life but in cricketing life too. He has been through so much already, including the career-threatening, life-threatening single-car accident of December 2022. That he has managed to retain his *joie de vivre*, that he has still stayed equanimous and generous and grateful for a second chance, is clear for everyone to see. Pant knows that not everyone is as blessed as he is; therefore, he believes, he must make the most of benevolence of the higher power, make every second count, stand out as an inspiration for others.

Occasionally, the petulant child in him surfaces, like in the first innings at Headingley when Paul Reiffel legitimately turned down his entreaty to change the ball and Pant reacted by churlishly backhanding the ball along the ground to the mid-wicket fielder, his annoyance all too obvious. It was the boiling over of a frustration merited, but which shouldn't have manifested in the way it did. For his indiscretion, he was slapped with a demerit point and given an official reprimand by Richie Richardson, the ICC match referee. Given that he is his best judge and his worst critic, Pant will tell himself, 'Rishabh, *woh theek nahi tha, waisa nahi karna tha*'. And then immediately put all that behind him and get on with the job. After all, that's what makes him what he is.

At the conclusion of a match in which more than 1,650 runs were scored at more than four an over, Stokes spoke of the high rate of scoring without any batter trying anything fancy. 'Barring Rishabh,' he chuckled. That's what Gautam Gambhir must be saying in the dressing-room too when plans are being formulated. 'These apply to everyone,' could well be the head coach's message, 'barring Rishabh.' Or, at least, that's what he should be saying.

THE GIST

- It takes guts and courage and bravery and self-belief and a certain bullheadedness to embrace the Pant way of thinking
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client is interested in purchasing the below mentioned schedule property from its present owner 1.Nagarathna D/o Late Shivappa & W/o Venkatesh, 2.Meena D/o Late Shivappa, & W/o Mani, 3.Pushpa D/o Late Shivappa & W/o Ravi M, 4.Nataraj .M S/o Late Munivenkatappa, 5.Jamuna D/o Late Munivenkatappa, & W/oRavikumar P. 6.Gangadhara S/o Late Munivenkatappa, 7.Ramakka W/o.Late V.S.Siddappa, 8.Devaki w/o Munivenkatachala, 9.Muniyentamma D/o Late V.S Siddappa & W/o Gantalappa, 10.Anusuya D/o Late Siddappa, 11.Manjula D/o Late Siddappa, 12.Mala D/o Late Siddappa, 13. Padmanabh S/o Late V.S Siddappa and 14.Saraswathi D/o Late V.S Siddappa & W/o Venugopal who had acquired the right title interest and ownership in the property under inheritance upon the demise of Venkatarayappa and his wife Munivenyamma, Any person/s or body of persons, Banks, financial Institutions, NBFC's Etc., having any objection/s or claims, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims **within 21 days** from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above mentioned transaction.

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All That Piece and Parcel Of The Immovable Property Bearing BBMP E-Khata No.2014909109, Property No.143/158/52-3, BBMP E-Khata No.2140520070, Property No.143/158/52-2 and BBMP E-Khata No.2052095914 Property No.52-1 Situated at SHASTRI STREET NAGAWARA MAIN ROAD coming under jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No.31(Kushalnagar) Bangalore, together with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and all three properties bounded on the **EAST by Abdul Hakeem's Property** on the **WEST by Road** on the **NORTH by 3 fee**t wide common [passage and thereafter Private Property and on the **SOUTH by Abdul Hakeem's Property And Property No.143/158/52-3** measuring on the **EAST to WEST 15 feet & NORTH to SOUTH 19 feet Property No.143/158/52-2 measuring on the EAST to WEST 36 feet & NORTH to SOUTH 21 feet & Property No.52-1 measuring on the EAST to WEST 19 feet & NORTH to SOUTH 21 feet Totally measuring 1439 Square Feets,**

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1st Floor, M M Complex-1,No.60 Chickbazaar Road,Tasker Town, Bangalore-51.
Bangalore: **Off : 4148 0443 Mob-98450 83304** Dated: **27.06.2025**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East Zone)
17th Floor, Mayhall Building, M G Road, Bangalore.

No. SADH/TENDER/01/2025-26 **Dated:26.06.2025**

LETTER OF INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(TWO COVER SYSTEM) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

A) The Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture (East) Zone, (Referred to as Employer in these documents) invites tenders to Implement in accordance with KTPP rules 2000, from eligible and experienced Person/Agencies / Firms (Referred to as Tenderers in these documents) registered in Labour department for Maintenance of Parks. **B)** The tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the instructions to tenderers to qualify for award of the contract (standard tender document KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4). **C)** Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home** under login for Contractors.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works/Estimate Cost Rs./EMD Amount Rs.
1	Beautification, landscape development, water facility and other civil works in Shivaji Nagar Assembly constituency Parks. Amount (in Rs) : **2,99,97,209.68** , EMD Amount : **4,49,958/-.**

Calender of events as follows:
(1) Date of Notification **: 27.06.2025, (2)** Tender can be downloaded from**: 30.06.2025, (3)** Pre bid Meeting : **02.07.2025 at 11.30 AM (4)** Tender Closing Date : **11.07.2025** at **4.30 PM, (5)** Technical bid opening date: **14.07.2025** at **4.30 PM, (6)** Financial bid opening date: **After Approval of Technical bid**

Sd/- Senior Assistant Director of Horticulture,(East Zone), BBMP.

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF KOLLEGAL

CHAMARAJANAGAR DISTRICT
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Website : www.kollegalacity.mrc.gov.in

No. KCMC/HS/TENDER-DRIVER/04/2025-26 Date : 24-06-2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-procurement)

CMC, Kollegal has invited tender for outsourcing of Vehicle Driver, Supervisor and Watchman for the service of Solid Waste Management. Interested eligible contractor can participate in the tender through e-procurement **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** with service indent No. DMA/2025-26/SE5591, Estimated Cost Rs. 58.03 Lakh. For more information and condition can obtained through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
The Municipal Commissioner
CMC, Kollegal

DIPR : CHANAGAR:175:2025-26

HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

ENGINEERING WING

Office of the Chief Engineer, Arogya Soudha, 3rd Floor, Leprosy Hospital Premises, 1st Cross, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560 023
Telephone No.: 080-29557023 E-mail:**cekhsdrp@gmail.com**

No: HFWD/EW/CE/TA-1/AE-3/HWC - CKM/TND-Call-3/2025-26/1017 Date: 24.06.2025

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION - CALL-3

The Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru invites tender from Class-II and above contractors registered in KPWD in two Cover tender document system through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal for the following works.

Description of work: Construction of Health and Wellness Centers at 1) Kataradahali in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, 2) Bhaktharahalli in Chikkamagaluru Taluk, 3) Pillenahalli in Kadur Taluk, 4) Haadikere in Tarikere Taluk, 5) Bappunji in Koppa Taluk, 6) Hodiyala in N.R pura Taluk, 7) Kunnalu in Chikkamagaluru District. Approx. value of work: **Rs. 380.00 lakhs.** EMD: **Rs. 5.70 lakhs.** Stipulated period for completion (including monsoon): **6 months.**

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **10.07.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **11.07.2025 at 16.30 hrs.**

The tender details can be downloaded from the KPP Platform. Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Earnest Money Deposit and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: (1) All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids/individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. **(2)** Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated on KPP Portal only.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

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DEPARTMENT OF SPACE
INDIAN SPACE RESEARCH ORGANISATION (ISRO)
ISRO-TELEMETRY TRACKING & COMMAND NETWORK (ISTRAC)
(CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE GROUP)

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BRIEF E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of President of India, **Sealed Item rate E-Tender** is invited online from Contractors of appropriate class for the following work in NIT by **Group Head,** ISTRAC, ISRO, Peenya, Bengaluru-58 (Ph:080-2809 4541, 4186).

Name of work	**Supply and Installation of LED light fittings at SCC, MOX and IDSN Campus at ISTRAC, Bengaluru.**
E-Tender Notice	**ISTRAC/CMG/E/CON/E-Tender-35/ 2025-2026, Dated: 25.06.2025**
Estimated Cost put to tender	**Rs. 58.98 Lakhs**
Tender Document Details	**E-Tenders**
Period of Completion in months reckoned from the 15th day of date of issue of work order	**Six (06) months**
Period during which the tender document can be downloaded	**From 16.00 hrs. on 26.06.2025 to 19.07.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**
Bid Clarification	**From 11.00 hrs. on 27.06.2025 to 20.07.2025 till 16.00 hrs.**
Last date & time for reply to Bid Clarifications	**21.07.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Last date and time for receipt of tenders	**22.07.2025 up to 16.00 Hrs.**
Due date and time of opening of tenders.	**24.07.2025 after 11.00 Hrs.**
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	**Rs. 1,17,960/-**

Interested tenderers may please refer **Detailed Notice Inviting Tender (NIT)** for eligibility criteria and other details from website **www.isro.gov.in** and download the tender documents from **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO**

Sd/- Group Head, CMG

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation and Ground water development
Divison, Mandya, E mail: eemimandya@gmail.com

No.EE-MID/MDY/TA/AE/TB/2025-26/817 Dt:21.06.2025

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 04/2025-26, Dated: 21-06-2025

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Mandya invited item wise Tender from eligible contractors under " KPP "Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-4 Under the Head of Account 4702-Anecut & Pickups & 4702-Lift Irrigation Scheme there are 11 No's of works, amount put to tender ranging from Rs. 150.00 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 3500.00 Lakhs.

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office on or before dated: 10-07-2025 during Working hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website "www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in " before 11-07-2025 up to 17.00 Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on 14-07-2025 at 17-30 Hours. Financial bids of the eligible bidders will be opened on 15-07-2025 at 17-30 Hours.

Note: All the rights and decisions if any of all works or any of the work of this tender reserved by the under signed. Terms and conditions required for each work is published in the " www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in " Tender Portal. Any additional information is available at the office of the undersigned. Any corrections /Date Changes/Addendum and Corrigendum regarding each individual works will be published separately in "kpp" portal only.

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client Mr. Albert Jossy Rego S/o. Peter X Rego is the absolute owner of the Schedule property and Gift Deed dated 15/07/2009 bearing document No. 01149-2009-10 and Gift Deed dated 22/11/2023 bearing document No.11812-2023-24 are lost while shifting the house and my client had filed a complaint in respect of this to Bengaluru City police Unit immediately after coming to his knowledge.

Any person/s having found the same may kindly be returned to the undersigned or to the jurisdictional police or undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication and if any person misusing the original one shall be prosecuted and if anyone entering into any transaction without my client's knowledge with any third party our client shall not be responsible for the same.

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East by: Road, **West by**: Flat No.G1, **North by**: Vacant Site, **South by**: Flat No.3

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands situated at Kaniminike Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk:

Sl.No	Sy.No.	A	G	East By	West By	North By	South By
1.	90/1	2	18	Land bearing sy no 90/2	Land bearing sy no 95	Land bearing sy no 95	Land bearing sy no 90/2
2.	90/2	5	02	Land bearing sy no 90/3	Land bearing sy no 90/1 And 95	Land bearing sy no 90/1 And 95	Hejjala Village Boundary
3.	90/3	3	08	Land bearing sy no 90/4	Land bearing sy no 90/2	Land bearing sy no 95	Hejjala Village Boundary
4.	90/4	1	03	Land bearing sy no 90/5 And 95	Land bearing sy no 90/3	Land bearing sy no 95	Hejjala Village Boundary
5.	90/5	1	30	Land bearing sy no 95 And 90/6	Land bearing sy no 90/4	Land bearing sy no 95	Land bearing sy no 90/6 and Hejjala Village Boundary
6.	90/6	0	07	Land bearing sy no 95	Land bearing sy no 90/5	Land bearing sy no 90/5	Hejjala Village Boundary
12.	Total	13	28				

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Office of the Chief Commissioner, Annex Building-1, N.R. Square, Bangalore-560002.

No: BBMP/C.Comm/PSR(G)/631/2025-26 **FORM – III (See Sub-rule (3) of rule-3)** **Date: 16.06.2025**

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under section **14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act,1961** the following 'Area' mentioned in the schedule below is required by the Chief Commissioner, Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike for **Construction and Formation of Connecting 18.00m wide road from Neha Prakash Hospital to Attur Ananthapura main road in Ward no-03 of Yelahanka Satellite town sub division** for implementing the proposals of the Approved Master Plan-2015 for the width of **18.00m.**

The following land / building owners have opted for Development Rights in lieu of monetary compensation under the Right to Fair Compensation and transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The Development Rights will be given by the Authority as twice the land area surrendered and two times the building area surrendered and as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered (valuated as per PWD norms) divided by the market value of the land on which the building is constructed.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Right Certificate (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the Special Land Acquisition officer, O/o the Deputy Commissioner (Land Acquisition and TDR) Head Office, BBMP within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

List of land / building area surrendered and land owners for which DRC is to be issued.

Name of the District : **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk **: Bengaluru North** Name of the Village **: Atturu**

Sy. No / Khatha no.	Type of land: Vacant	Type of land: Built up	Nature of Land: Agriculture Converted Undeveloped Approved layout / developed land Building Site	Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m: Dimension Extent	Boundaries of the land / plot: East	West	North	South	Building details: Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio	Present activity on land/ Building (Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, Individual house etc.,	Market (guidelines) value of the land per Sq.m	Name and address of the owner of the plot/ land for which DRC is to be issued
Sy No.65/3	Vacant land		Converted Land	966.25	Sy No.65/4A	Sy No.68	Remaining Portion of Sy No. 65/3	Sy No.67	None	None	None	Vacant	35,000/-	Sri.Naveen A Srikantaiah S/o A.M Srikantaiah and Sri.A.S Anand S/o A.M Srikantaiah, Both are residing at No.165-A, 5th A Main Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064.

Note:
- Market guideline value of this property is considered subject to conditions of payment of fee as per Government Order No. NAE 137. MNU 2024 (E), Dated: 09.09.2024 and as per the Circular No. Commissioner/P.S.R/G/1802/2024-25, Dated: 21.09.2024,
- Objections and suggestions made be submitted at the address specified below:

Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch office	Deputy Commissioner, Land Acquisition & TDR, 2nd Floor, Room No: 208, Annex Building-3, N.R. Square, BBMP, Bangalore-560002.

Sd/- Chief Commissioner
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT
Revenue Department, M. S. Building, Bengaluru

NO: RD 159 GRC 2025 **Date:20.06.2025**

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, upon report of the Investigation agency Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) after due investigation of the complaint of depositors, it has come to the notice of the Government by Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA, that the M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities are involved in fraudulent transactions by clandestinely and illegally collecting deposits or money from the general public and thereafter have failed to return the same either after maturity or on demand made by the depositors or complainants with promised interest and other assured benefits and hereby failed to render the services promised to them.

And whereas, it has further come to the notice of the Government that M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities and people associating with them have been acquiring lands, movable and immovable properties, cash and others from and out of the deposits or money so collected, from the depositors or complainants and thereby deviating from the intended purposes of accepting the deposits or money.

And whereas, the Government has reason to believe that the actions of the M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities and people associating with them are acting in and detrimental to the interest of the depositors or complainants whose intention was to defraud the innocent depositors, and it has become necessary to protect the interest of the depositors of the M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities.

And whereas, now the Government after considering the report of the Special Officer and Competent Authority IMA and other fraudulent KPID Cases and satisfying itself about the urgent need to protect the interest of the depositors and in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005) hereby makes the following order, namely:

"ORDER"

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishment Act, 2004 (Karnataka Act 30 of 2005), the Government under the circumstances stated above having satisfied that in order to protect the interest of depositors it is necessary to attach the movable and immovable properties believed to belong to M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities.

Therefore, the Government hereby attaches the movable properties as specified in Annexure to this order believed to have been acquired by the M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities either in its own name or in the name of any other person from and out of the deposits collected by the M/s I Monetary Advisory (IMA) and its group entities and where it transpires that such money or such other properties of the said financial establishment, or the personal assets of the promoters, partners, directors, managers or members or any other person of the said financial establishment is not sufficient for the repayment of the deposits or interest or such other assured benefits to the depositors.

Note: All the aforesaid movable properties, from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, shall forthwith vest with the Competent Authority, who has been appointed by the Government, pending further orders from the Special Court.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka
Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

ANNEXURE

Details of Fixed Deposits in the name of Mariam Fathima (Minor) D/o Mohammed Mansoor Khan and Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the I Monetary Advisory and its Group Entities.

Sl. No	Account Holder Name	Customer ID	Bank Name and Branch	IFSC Code	FD Account Number	Principal Balance (Rs.)	Start Date	Remarks
1	Mohammed Mansoor Khan	34270808	HDFC Bank, Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru	HDFC0001748	50300159759701	2977016.84	06-09-2024	FD in the name of Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the FE.
2	Mariam Fathima U/G Mohammed Mansoor Khan	39000064	HDFC Bank, Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru	HDFC0001748	17484830000586	61162.15	01-01-2025	FD in the name of Mariam Fathima (Minor), D/o Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the FE.
3	Mariam Fathima U/G Mohammed Mansoor Khan	39000064	HDFC Bank, Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru	HDFC0001748	50300026165849	51627.90	10-01-2025	FD in the name of Mariam Fathima (Minor), D/o Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the FE.
4	Mariam Fathima U/G Mohammed Mansoor Khan	39000064	HDFC Bank, Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru	HDFC0001748	50300031010738	25000	06-02-2025	FD in the name of Mariam Fathima (Minor), D/o Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the FE.
5	Mariam Fathima U/G Mohammed Mansoor Khan	39000064	HDFC Bank, Wilson Garden Branch, Bengaluru	HDFC0001748	50300038220415	507318.9	18-04-2025	FD in the name of Mariam Fathima (Minor), D/o Mohammed Mansoor Khan, Managing Director and Chief Promoter of the FE.

Sd/-
(Anwar Basha)
Deputy Secretary to Government
Revenue Department (Services-1, SSLR & Special Cell)

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Tigress, 4 cubs found dead in M.M. Hills, poisoning suspected

The mother of the cubs was believed to be around 11 years and was first camera-trapped in November 2014 when it was around 6 to 8 months old.

There is speculation that the tiger had killed a cow and dragged it inside the forests. It had partially consumed the kill and is suspected to have returned again by when some miscreants had poisoned the carcass, and consuming which the tiger and its cubs died.

Minister for Forests Eshwar B. Khandre, who has sought a report on the incident, said that the guilty would not be spared.

Meanwhile, a high-level inquiry committee, comprising B.P. Ravi, PCCF; Srinivasulu, APCCF (Wildlife); T. Heeralal, Chief Conservator of Forests, Chamarajanagar circle; a veterinary officer from the Mysuru zoo, and Sanjay Gubbi, an independent wildlife expert, has been constituted.

It has been directed to submit a report in 14 days. The Minister said the government had taken the tiger deaths very seriously and it was a matter of great concern that as many as five tigers had died on a single day.

The M.M. Hills Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over 906 sq. km and is home to tigers, leopards, elephants, apart from a rich density of prey species.

Soon, it will be a breeze for metro commuters

BMRCL will integrate with ONDC to allow metro tickets to be booked across a variety of plarforms; aims to improve accessibility, reduce wait time

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Commuters at a ticket counter at the Mysuru Road metro station in Bengaluru on Thursday.
K. MURALI KUMAR

Commuters using Namma Metro will soon be able to book tickets using a variety of mobility apps as Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is set to enhance passenger convenience by integrating with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC).

This means that metro commuters will be able to book tickets on apps like Tummoc, Rapido, and several other platforms. The initiative aims to simplify commuting by creating a smooth, all-in-one travel experience for metro passengers, according to officials.

"This new partnership will make it easier for commuters to plan their entire trip from booking an autorickshaw or cab to purchasing a BMTC bus pass and metro ticket using a single aggregator app. This initiative is part of a broader plan to encourage end-to-end journey booking, especially as public transport and last-mile connectivity play an increasingly vital role in urban mobility," an official said.

"We want to make sure commuters have a truly unified experience. Through the ONDC platform, which has collaborations with more than 10 mobility apps, we are enabling people to plan and pay for all legs of their trip. Commuters can choose whichever app suits them best, ensuring they never have to switch between platforms," the official explained further. The official also noted that this digital transformation would help improve accessibility, reduce wait times, and encourage greater use of public transport options.

BMRCL has already partnered with a private technology solutions provider to integrate its ticketing services with these apps.

Other integrations

Meanwhile, other partnerships for ticketing and smart card recharges are also making metro travel more accessible. WhatsApp, for example, has been offering QR code-based metro ticketing since November 2022. However, this service does not cover first- and last-mile connections like autorickshaws and buses.

BMRCL also collaborates with Paytm for QR-code-based tickets and Amazon Pay for smart card top-ups, in addition to Namma Metro app for direct recharges. Commuters are looking forward to the initiative. "This new booking option may be a game-changer for me if it is implemented properly," said Rahul Sharma, a regular metro commuter from Jalahalli.

"Being able to plan my entire trip from my auto ride to my bus pass and Metro ticket all in one app will save me a lot of time and hassle every day. But I really hope BMRCL ensures this launches soon. Many times, good initiatives like this get delayed, and with so many of us using multiple modes of transport every day, it's important this becomes available on time," he added.

AEDP in BCom extended to 85 govt. colleges effective 2025-26

Jayanth R.
BENGALURU

In response to increased demand from students, Karnataka has extended the Apprenticeship-Embedded Degree Programmes (AEDP) in BCom courses to 85 government first-grade colleges across the State for the academic year 2025-26.

In addition, the paid apprenticeship, which was limited to the 6th semester earlier for AEDP programmes, has been extended to the fifth semester as well.

To provide job opportunities to students, the Higher Education Department had launched four new AEDPs in 45 government first-grade colleges in 21 districts in the academic year 2024-25. The new degree programmes are BCom in retail, logistics, e-commerce, banking, finance, service, and insurance.

Under this programme, students have to pursue a regular college education in the first and second year and undergo apprenticeship with companies in their final year. The students will get a stipend from ₹8,000 to ₹18,000 depending upon capability.

The curriculum is provided by the Centre for Research in Schemes and Policies (CRISP) and approved by the board of studies of universities.

"This time, there was a high demand from students for AEDP courses, and colleges were demanding enhancement of these courses. In this context, orders have been issued to start these courses in 85 colleges this year after discussing with the government. Around 50,000 students will benefit," said Manjushree N., Commissioner, Collegiate Education and Technical Education Department.

This year, there is a huge demand for degree courses, and a total of 26,923 seats have been enhanced by the College Education Department. Of this, there was a higher demand for Arts courses, and a total of 13,905 seats have been increased, officials said.

As many as 4,856 seats were added for BSc degree and 4,130 seats for B.Com, 516 for BBA, 2,841 for BCA, 495 for BSW and 180 for other courses.

UGCET interaction on seat allotment process to be held across State tomorrow

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The sessions will offer an opportunity for students and parents to resolve their queries on the admission process. FILE PHOTO

The Karnataka Examinations Authority (KEA) will conduct UGCET interaction on seat allotment process on Saturday, aiming to further streamline the professional course admission process by educating students and parents on each stage involved, said M.C. Sudhakar, Minister for Higher Education.

The programme will be held across the State in 16 government engineering colleges, eight aided engineering colleges, six engineering colleges affiliated to VTU, and nine government polytechnic colleges located in districts where government engineering colleges are not available. The polytechnics where sessions will take place are located in Chikkamagaluru, Hubballi (Dharwad), KGF (Kolar), Mangaluru, Shivamogga, Tumakuru, Udupi, Vijayapura, and Surapura (Yadagiri), the Minister explained.

The event will address frequently asked questions such as: How does the counselling process work? How to choose a college?, and how to enter your options?

"This programme offers an ideal opportunity for students and parents to visit their nearest college and get their queries resolved," the Minister said.

Perception exploited

"Some people wrongly assume that the CET seat allotment process is very complicated. Unfortunately, this perception has been exploited by certain individuals who have misled candidates and parents in the name of helping with seat allotment. Such fraudulent networks may still be active. To prevent this, 'Manthana' (interactive session) aims to provide transparent and reliable information to students and parents," Mr. Sudhakar said.

The process will be explained in a clear and impactful manner, with live demonstrations.

In addition, teaching staff and students from government engineering colleges will share insights into the academic progress of their respective institutions, the Minister informed.

Delegation seeks shifting of GTFI from Hesaraghatta to city centre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A delegation led by veteran Kannada actor Srinath met the Higher Education Minister M.C. Sudhakar on Thursday and requested him to shift the Government Television and Film Institute (GTFI) from Hesaraghatta to the city centre.

Briefing the Minister about the S.J. Polytechnic, which was the first in the country to set up a Film and Television department, the delegation requested the Minister to upgrade the Film and Television courses at S.J. Polytechnic.

'Will visit institute'

Responding positively to the request, Dr. Sudhakar assured them of deciding to shift the institute from Hesaraghatta after discussing with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah.

"I will soon visit the institute along with officials and verify what can be done. Regarding shifting, I will discuss with the Chief Minister," Dr. Sudhakar said.

"I am aware of the demand for courses like cinematography and sound engineering. We will take the necessary initiative to introduce advanced technical courses," the Minister stated.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I hitherto known as GANGAMMA W/O SHIVANAGOUDA PATIL , Residing at 2-12-40/68, Sangameshwara Nilaya, Station Area, Lingsugur Raichur, Karnataka - 584122, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as SHOBA.

I, FAHEEMA Kahum, D/o Basheer Khan, R/a No.11, 10th Cross, Kushal Nagar, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560045 have changed my name to Faheema Khanum vide affidavit dt: 26.06.2025 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, B'lore

I Lakshmipathi Reddy Govind S/O Venkatrami Reddy Govind R/O No-15/3 1st Main 5th Cross T Krishna Reddy Lyt Banaswadi, Bengaluru, Karnataka 560043, Have Changed The Name Of My Minor Daughter Namely Dhanvisha Reddy Govind (Aged 13 Years 6 Months) and She shall Hereafter be Known as Dhanyasri Govind For All Future Purposes

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MUMTHAZ BEGUM, W/o Zabiulla Khan, age 41 years, R/at No. 88, 1st Main Road, Binny Mill Road, Near Ganganagar, VTC, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru-560 032 do hereby declare that in my daughter MISBA FATHIMA KHANUM 10th Marks Card my name has been wrongly mentioned as MUMTAZ BEGUM instead of MUMTHAZ BEGUM, vide affidavit dated 25-06-2025, sworn before XXXVIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VEE B THARAN, aged about 57 years, S/o Late Vishwanathan, presently R/at No. 4B, Sobha Emerald-1, behind Jakkur Aerodrome, New Airport Road, Bengaluru-560 064 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. VEE B THARAN and VEE BARANI THARAN are one and the same and refers to me only, vide affidavit dated 26th June 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary PUTTARAMAIAH at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NADAKUDITI LAKSHMI SIREESHA, W/o Nadakuditi Phani Bhaskara Vidya Chandrasekhar, aged about 41 years, r/at F 150, 1st Floor, SLS Square, EPIP Zone, Whitefield, Bangalore-560 066 do hereby declare that both the names i.e. N LAKSHMI SIREESHA and NADAKUDITI LAKSHMI SIREESHA are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as NADAKUDITI LAKSHMI SIREESHA for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26-06-2025, sworn before Senior Sheristedar, JMFC (Traffic Court-3), Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED REHANN, aged about 44 years, R/at No. 134, 6th Cross, Royal Hermitage, Gottigere, Nice Road Junction, Opp. to Sherwood School, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560 083 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from MOHAMMED REHAN to MOHAMMED REHANN, henceforth I shall be known and called as MOHAMMED REHANN for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 26th June 2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary GANGARAJU .B.N at Bangalore.

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(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-24/453/2025-26 Date: 26.06.2025

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tenders under two cover bid system is invited for the work mentioned below as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the works of :

Name of the Works : (1) Providing 250 KVA Transformer center facing plot no. 2 at Haralapura Industrial Area, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District. (Others). **(2)** Reconditioning, operation and Annual Maintenance of Street lights at Vemgal Industrial Area, Kolar District. SC). **(3)** Reconditioning, operation and annual maintenance of street lights at Anthrasanahalli 1st and 2nd Phase, Kunigal 1st and 2nd Phase, Hirehalli and Sathyamangala, Tumakuru District. (Others). **(4)** Re conditioning, operation and annual maintenance of street lights at Doddaballapura 3rd Phase (Obedenahalli) Industrial Area, Bengaluru Rural District. (SC). **(5)** Re conditioning, operation and annual maintenance of street lights at Gowribidnuru Industrial Area, Phase-I & II, Chikkaballapura District. (CAT-II(A)). **(6)** Re-conditioning, operation and annual maintenance of street lights at Narasapura Industrial Area, Kolar District. (Others) . **(7)** Re conditioning, operation and annual maintenance of street lights at Hi Tech Defense and Aerospace Park Industrial Area, Devanahalli (Except Road No.1), Bengaluru Rural District. (CAT-II(A)).

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 16.07.2025 upto 4.00 pm.

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-25/454/2025-26 Date: 26.06.2025

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Name of the Works : (1) Reconditioning, Operation and Maintenance of Street lights at Nanjangudu Industrial Area, Mysuru District and Badanaguppe-Kellamballi Industrial Area 1st Phase, Chamarajanagar District. **(2)** Providing Street lights to the roads of Sarathi Kurubarahalli Industrial Area, Phase-1, Harihara Taluk, Davanagere District. **(3)** Providing Power Infrastructure at Badanaguppe-Kellamballi Industrial Area 2nd Phase, Chamarajanagar District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : 14.07.2025 upto 4.00 pm.

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/1496/Zen/2025-26

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public is hereby notified that, my client is interested to purchase Immovable property of Vacant Site bearing No.1455/1, in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at Sir.M.Visweswaraiah Layout, 3rd Block, Bengaluru, owned and possessed by **Mrs.Fareeda Assainar D/o Mr. Arakkal Assainar.** The details of the aforesaid property are more fully described in the schedule mentioned hereunder.

In view of the above, it is hereby notified that, claims of ownership or such other claims if any have by the general public in respect of the schedule property, the same may be notified to the address given below in writing together with supporting documents with in a period of **10 (ten) days** from the date of this notification. If no valid claims or objections are received within stipulated period, my client shall be at liberty to proceed with and complete the process of sale in respect of the aforesaid property. Claims/objections if any received on expiry of the stipulated period will be ignored.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable property of Vacant Site bearing **No.1455/1,** in the layout formed by the Bangalore Development Authority at **Sir.M.Visweswaraiah Layout, 3rd Block, Bengaluru,** measuring an East to West : **24 Meters** and North to South : **15 Meters**, in all measuring : **360 Sq.meters** and bounded on the :
East By : Site Nos, 1484 and 1485,
West By : Road,
North By : Site No.1456,
South By : Storm Water Drain & Site No.1455.

Umashnakar G S, Advocate
No.114, 5th Main, 9th Cross,
Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru-19.
Cell: 9742168033
Bengaluru Date : 26-06-2025

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Smt. IMMIDISETTY KRISHNA PRIYANKA, D/o. Sri Subramanyewara Rao intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration and has entered into an agreement to sell dated 16-06-2025 with its owner SRI. MANOHAR LAL SEERVI, S/o. Sri. Mangi Lal Seervi, Residing at Madeshwara Nilaya, House No. 196, 2nd Floor, 24th Main Road, 6th Cross, HSR Layout Sector-1, Bangalore-560102.

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At Bangkok event, a commitment to count every birth and death

Governments across Asia and the Pacific decide to ensure registration of all vital events of the population by 2030; an estimated 14 million children in the region still do not have their births registered by their first birthday and every year, an approximate 6.9 million deaths go unrecorded

Ramya Kannan

Planning ahead: The third Ministerial conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics for Asia and the Pacific was held in Bangkok, Thailand. X/@UNESCAP

Governments across Asia and the Pacific, on Thursday, signed off on a landmark decision to ensure that all births are registered and all deaths are recorded by 2030, at the third Ministerial conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics for Asia and the Pacific, in Bangkok, Thailand. This is expected to bring the vison of universal, inclusive and resilient CRVS systems a step closer to reality.

The United Nations defines civil registration and vital statistics as the "continuous, permanent, compulsory and universal recording of the occurrence and characteristics of vital events of the population in accordance with the law".

What are the vital events?

These vital events include births, deaths and marriages, divorces, besides causes of death. The focus of the nations is on registering births and deaths as a fundamental aspect of a person's legal identity, and besides, grant access to a whole range of life-cycle benefits/functions for any one living in a society. Birth registration grants individuals formal legal recognition, enabling access to essential rights and services, including health services. Death certificates serve as legal proof of death, supporting families with matters such as inheritance, insurance and other administrative processes.

In 2014, the United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), launched the "CRVS Decade" to 'Get every one in the picture.' The decadal progress was measured in a review that was then launched as a publication last week.

In her preface to the publication, Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP, wrote: "Importantly, civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) systems help protect populations in vulnerable situations, as birth and marriage registration can serve as safeguards against child marriage, trafficking and modern slavery by verifying age and identity."

Acknowledging legal identity in good governance and justice, is also target 16.9 of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Birth registration has an intergenerational impact, empowering registered mothers to secure legal identity and rights for their children, breaking cycles of invisibility and exclusion.

Earlier, speaking to presspersons, Ms. Alisjahbana said the ID card is the most important part of every one's wallet, and as such it goes beyond a mere document. There have been accelerated actions by many countries that have led to better registration rates in these nations, and the successes have come as a result of collaborative work in the region and learning from each other's work.

As a result, over the past decade, in the countries in the Asia Pacific region, the number of children under five who are unregistered had dropped from 135 million in 2012 to 51 million, a reduction of more than 60%. 29 countries currently have reported over 90% registration of births in a year, and 30 countries have achieved this for death registration. The quality of cause of death reporting has also significantly improved, the ESCAP acknowledged.

However, despite this progress, an estimated 14 million children across the region still do not have their births registered by their first birthday. Every year, an approximate 6.9 million deaths also go unrecorded.

Extension of deadline

Responding to a question on the future of the programme, Ms. Alisjahbana said: "We have been very fortunate in seeing significant progress, and political will and investments in this decade. They have paid off. But there is a lot of work to be done yet, and there is in place a very good momentum to accelerate operations and digitalisation to ensure registration. So the consensus among member nations is to extend it to 2030."

With the chosen decade complete, but 100% registration still not achieved, the Declaration has decided to extend the roadmap to 2030, the end of the decade, with people at the centre. It calls for inclusive and accessible service delivery, harnessing the power of digital transformation, strengthening legal foundations and building inter-operable data systems. The governments also provided commitments to ensuring gender equity in registration, safeguarding personal data and privacy.

Indian scenario

In India, the Registrar-General and Census Commissioner is responsible for civil registration as well as the production of vital statistics. The Ministry of Health supports the civil registration system providing incentives for registration, manpower and logistics support under the National Health Mission. There is no fee for birth registration within the prescribed period of 21 days, although fees for birth certificates may vary according to State/local body.

The Indian national CRVS coordination mechanism was established in August 2015, while a national CRVS strategy and a comprehensive assessment are still in progress. In 2011, the Office of the Registrar-General identified challenges such as lack of awareness regarding the need and importance of registration, low priority accorded to the system of civil registration by the States, lack of coordination among the concerned departments and low level of reporting by registration units.

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> **ARMIDA SALSIAH ALISJAHBANA**
> Under-Secretary-General, UN

To tackle these issues, several initiatives were launched. Among these measures were developing a software application for online and offline registration of birth and death covering the entire gamut of the civil registration system: registration of events, generation of certificates, and generation of statistical tables and reports. In addition, a new project on data digitisation is being implemented, with the support of UNICEF, to keep old records in easy to retrieve digital form has started. This will help in storage of registers in electronic format and allow easy access to the records.

Digital transformation

Ms. Alisjahbana earlier acknowledged this, in response to a question from *The Hindu*, that India with its strength and leadership in digital transformation has helped a lot with rolling out a CRVS system that can be implemented digitally. Tanja Sejersen, Statistician, ESCAP, who spoke to presspersons, along with Ms. Alishjahbana, said, the use of technology has been super helpful in certain countries in advancing the principle of registration, but in other countries, could be a stumbling block. There has been, since the launch of the decade of CRVS, a broader push for linking digital transformation. India's representative at the Ministerial conference, Nityanand Rai, Minister of State, Ministry of Home Affairs, said the country has embarked an citizen-centric activities that will make universal registration possible across the country. The registration of births and deaths is mandatory under the Registration of Births and Deaths (RBD) Act, 1969, and amendments to it, have made possible digital registration of births and deaths and the recognition of electronic documents that can be stored safely and securely in the Digilocker by all, obviating the need for presenting hard copies of documents.

In India, legal provisions now cover the registration of adopted, orphaned, abandoned, surrendered, and surrogate children, along with children of single parents or unmarried mothers. It has been made mandatory for medical institutions to provide cause of death certificates to the Registrar. He added that a new central CRVS portal had been launched too. As a result of these proactive policies, the registration of births had increased from just over 86% at the beginning of the CRVS decade to over 96% in India, he said.

Children participants at the Ministerial conference made a strong pitch for ensuring registration for all children irrespective of the many variables that may make it difficult for their parents to register their births. "Bureaucracy shouldn't be the reason we remain invisible," they said.

As the conference wound to a conclusion, the nations' commitments seemed solid. If commitments count, then strident steps had already been made towards achieving universal registration in the Asia and Pacific region. The words of Siromi Turaga, Minister for Justice and Acting Attorney General, Fiji, during his address at the Ministerial event, must go home though, to every nation: "The progress of the decade was only possible because of shared commitment in the region. As we look ahead to 2030...together we can ensure that every person in our region is seen heard and counted."

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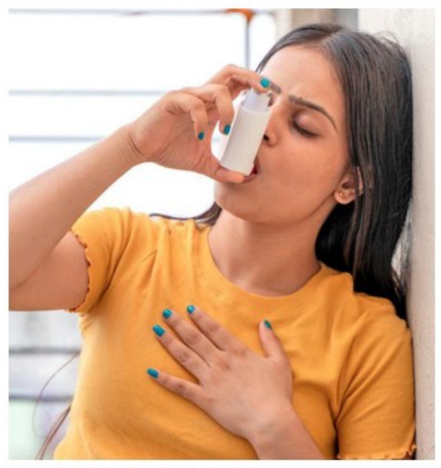

Gasping for air: Study builds on older research that found a higher risk of moderate or severe asthma in night shift employees. GETTY IMAGES

Study finds link between night shifts and asthma in women

R. Sujatha

A recent study has found a correlation between working night shifts and asthma, especially in women.

The study,'Increased risk of asthma in female night shift workers' published in *ERJ Open Research*, based its findings on cross-sectional data from over 2,80,000 U.K. Biobank participants.

The study builds on previous research that had found a higher risk of moderate or severe asthma in night shift employees. Researchers found that 5.3% of the workers had asthma, with 1.9% suffering from moderate or severe asthma (taking an asthma-preventer inhaler and at least one other asthma treatment, such as an oral steroid).

The findings

Led by Robert Maidstone of the University of Manchester, U.K., the study found that women who worked night shifts were more prone to moderate to severe asthma. Women who only worked night shifts were found to be around 50% more likely to suffer from moderate or severe asthma compared to women who only worked in the daytime. Although it has been established that more adult women than men are prone to asthma the reason for this has been elusive.

The researchers believe that testosterone, the male sex hormone, has a protective effect that prevents asthma triggers in men, and suggested that post-menopausal women could opt for hormone replacement therapy as it appears to have a protective effect.

R. Sridharan, a Chennai-based specialist in treating allergies, concurs with the findings of the study. He explains that our body is regulated by the circadian rhythm (the internal clock managing the sleep-wake process). When a person's circadian rhythm changes as in the case of those working night shifts, they end up suffering from a number of health issues which could include acid reflux, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GERD), obesity, obstructive sleep apnoea, besides hormonal changes. This can have a number of effects including increasing the chances of getting asthma, Dr. Sridharan said.

While asthma can be triggered by allergies and pollution, obesity too, is linked with an increased risk of developing for asthma according to the United States National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. "Obesity is common due to loss of normal sleep patterns," said Dr. Sridharan, adding: "What I am seeing is night duty people have more asthma and less controlled asthma and are prone for many asthma triggers," he adds.

Pulmonologist M. Koushik Muthu Raja said he had treated a few persons who work night shifts and presented with severe asthma. "We have not understood the correlation in India because we don't have that many cases presented to our clinic so far," he says.

"We need to wait for larger studies from India in order to establish such a link. We need in-depth, robust randomised studies to find a direct correlation. A similar, large-scale study in India would help to understand the correlation between asthma and night shifts," he says.

According to the World Health Organization, asthma cannot be cured but there are several treatments available. Inhalers can help control the disease and enable people with asthma to enjoy a normal, active life, it says.

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Here is a quiz on migraines and headaches

Please send in your answers to science@thehindu.co.in

Athira Elssa Johnson

QUESTION 1
What is one key difference between a migraine and a tension headache?

QUESTION 2
Name a common trigger that can lead to migraine attacks.

QUESTION 3
The introduction of _____ in the 1990s revolutionised the treatment of migraines by specifically targeting serotonin receptors

QUESTION 4
Migraines can sometimes occur without any head pain. True or False ?

QUESTION 5
What is the term for the sensory warning signs — such as flashes of light or tingling — that may happen before a migraine?

QUESTION 6
Can strong smells like perfumes or cleaning products trigger migraines in some people?

QUESTION 7
What is photophobia, a symptom often seen during migraines?

QUESTION 8
How can keeping a 'headache diary' help someone with frequent migraines?

QUESTION 9
What does the term "chronic migraine" mean?

Visual question: This 17th-century British physician studied the brain and was one of the first to say that migraines come from the brain and not the stomach, as people used to think. Who is he? WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Questions and Answers to the previous edition's daily quiz:
1. Allergies are caused by an overreaction of the immune system to substances that are usually harmless. **Ans: true** 2. The hormone _____ is used as emergency treatment for anaphylaxis. **Ans: Epinephrine** 3. Which antibody is primarily involved in allergic responses? **Ans: Immunoglobulin E (IgE)** 4. What type of medication is commonly used to relieve mild allergy? **Ans: Antihistamines** 5. Name one common environmental allergen. **Ans: pollen, dust mites** 6. Which is a symptom of allergic rhinitis? **Ans: Runny nose** 7. What is the severe symptom of allergy ? **Ans: anaphylaxis** 8. Can allergies be cured permanently? **Ans: No** 9. What does "Hypoallergenic products" mean ? **Ans: Products designed to minimise risk** 10. Name any three allergy tests. **Ans: skin prick tests, intradermal tests, and patch tests** Visual: Who introduced the term "allergy" in 1906. **Ans: Clemens von Pirquet**

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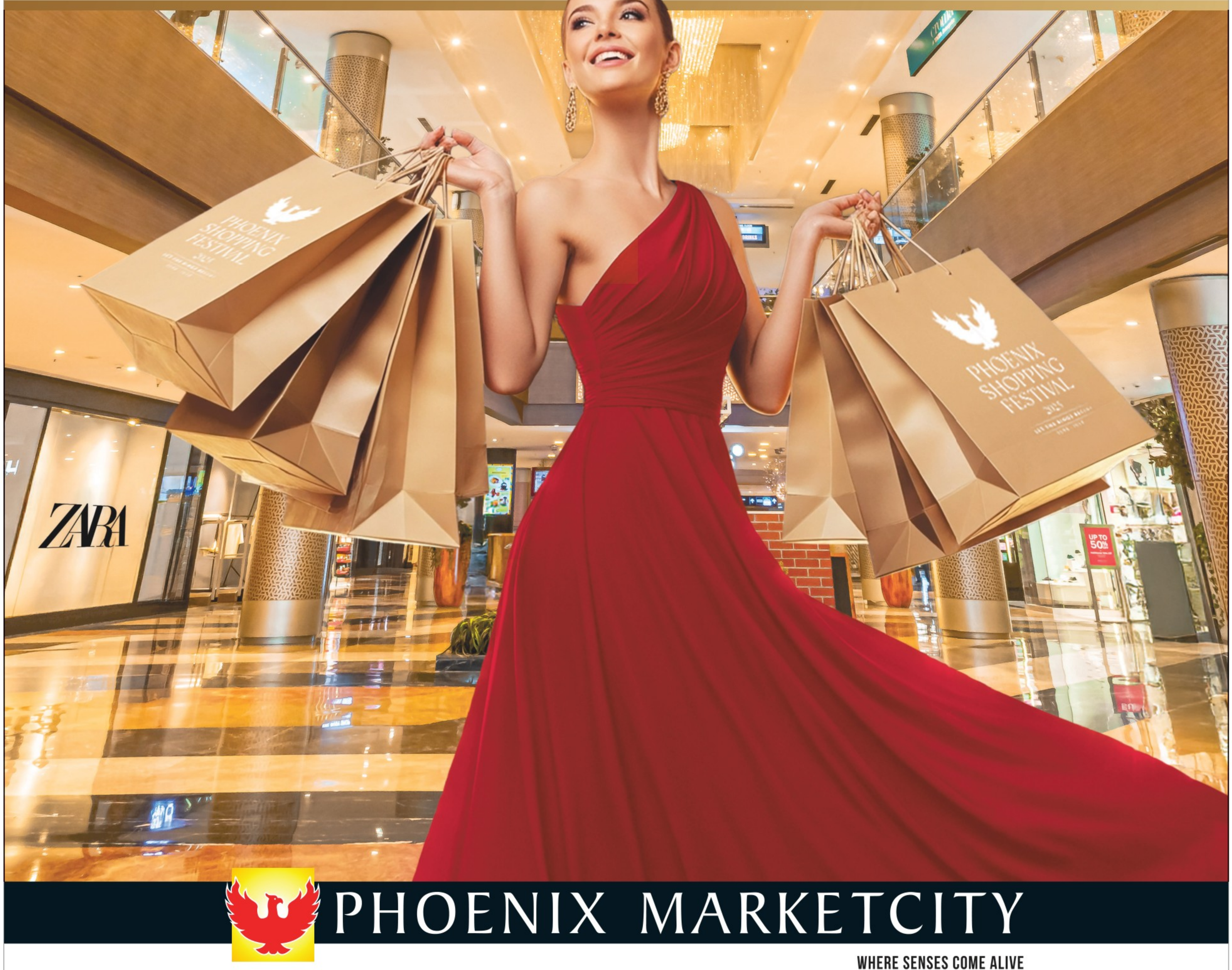

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Unpaid for months, city's garbage collectors face challenging times

'Solid waste management has been shifted to BSWML but contractors are insisting that the workers be paid by BBMP'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Chennayya has been working as a garbage collector in Vidyapeeta Ward (164), South Zone, for two decades now. The last time he was paid a monthly salary was in January this year, he said.

"Since then, we ask households to pay us something, which many refuse, but some give us little money. We also pick plastic from the waste we collect, sell that, and try hard to make ends meet. This has been one of the worst phases in my two decades of working as a garbage collector," said Mr. Chennayya.

Garbage collectors (drivers and cleaners), around 10,000 of them working under contractors, have held one-day flash strikes in at least 55 wards across

The last payment made to garbage contractors was in December 2024, and the BBMP has outstanding dues of nearly ₹300 crore.
FILE PHOTO

the city over the last month over non-payment of their salaries for months now by respective contractors.

"But neither the civic body nor the contractors seems to bother. There haven't been any concrete assurances either. Still, we are collecting garbage every day," said Tyagaraj, president, Karmika Samrakshana Trade Union, representing garbage collectors in the State. "How can anyone be expected to work without pay for five months? Schools have reopened, and we are struggling to get our children admitted to schools, buy them uniforms, etc. When we demand our salaries, contractors point fingers at the civic body. BBMP is our principal employer, and they should ensure we are paid regularly," said Mr. Tyagaraj. The last payment made to garbage contractors was in December 2024, and BBMP has outstanding dues of nearly ₹300 crore. However, civic officials claim that though they are ready to make the payment, the contractors were blocking it.

"Solid waste management has been removed from BBMP's purview and shifted to Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Ltd. (BSWML). There is money in the company, and we are ready to pay. But contractors are insisting that they be paid by BBMP, leading to an impasse for six months now, but it has been resolved this week," said Harish Kumar K., Special Commissioner (SWM), BBMP and CEO, BSWML.

However, garbage contractor Balasubramanyam said that they had got work orders from BBMP and they couldn't now raise bills with BSWML. "The BBMP commissioner held a meeting on Tuesday and assured us to give a letter to each individual contractor directing us to deal with BSWML henceforth. We haven't got the letter yet. Once we get it, we will raise bills," he said.

PF not paid regularly

P.P. Appanna, of the All India Central Council of Trade Unions, a member of the Regional Committee of Employees' Provident Fund - Karnataka, said that most contractors were not paying the EPF for garbage collectors regularly.

"After I raised the issue in the regional committee, notices have been issued to all zonal commissioners, but there has been no response," Mr. Appanna said.

Upset over State govt. not implementing DPS, garbage collectors plan 'Delhi Chalo'

K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj
BENGALURU

Upset over the Congress government in Karnataka not fulfilling its promise to bring garbage collectors like sweepers under the Direct Payment System (DPS), Karmika Samrakshana Trade Union, representing over 15,000 garbage collectors in the State, has decided to kick start a 'Delhi Chalo' rally on July 25.

"The entire Congress leadership had promised to free us from the clutches of contractors and bring us under DPS. It was part of their manifesto as well. But now, two years after coming to power, they are backtracking on this promise," said Tyagaraj, president, Karmika Samrakshana Trade Union.

"We have decided to march to Delhi and seek accountability from Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi," Mr. Tyagaraj added.

Sources say the contractors' lobby is strongly opposing removing garbage collection and transportation from its control

CM's promise

Speaking at the event where appointment letters to over 12,000 pourakarmikas were issued on May 1, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had promised that garbage collectors will soon be brought under DPS.

However, three weeks later in the last week of May, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar announced that garbage collection and transportation tenders were called in 33 packages for a period of next seven years, essentially going back on the promise to bring garbage collectors under DPS and locking them up under contractors for the next seven years. These tenders have run into legal hurdles in the High Court of Karnataka.

Sources said the contractors' lobby has been strongly opposing removing garbage collection and transportation from their control.

A section of bureaucracy has also opposed the civic body, or BSWML, taking over the operation completely, sources said. They cite a lack of vehicles, infrastructure, and a lack of credible rolls to bring garbage collectors on the rolls of the civic body.

"Finally, it's a policy decision by the political executive. In the absence of any directions to bring garbage collectors under DPS, we are continuing with the contract system," a senior civic official said.

Landslips near Sakleshpur disrupt vehicular movement on Mangaluru highway

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The movement of vehicles on Bengaluru-Mangaluru highway (NH75), one of the busiest roads, was badly hit following landslips near Maranahalli in Sakleshpur on Thursday. Hundreds of passengers were stuck in the traffic through the night between Wednesday and Thursday.

According to local people, landslips occurred at multiple places between Sakaleshpur and Maranahalli on Wednesday night. The local officials stopped the movement of vehicles by placing barricades to

Vehicles stuck on NH 75 following landslips near Maranahalli in Sakleshpur taluk on Thursday morning. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

avoid further untoward incidents.

Landslips were reported at Heggadde, Donigal, and Doddathappale near Sakaleshpur. Hundreds of vehicles, including luxury buses of KSRTC, trucks, and cars, were stuck on the highway for several hours. Passengers spent the whole night in the vehicles amidst heavy rains.

The officers of Revenue Department, police, forest, National Highways Authority of India and other agencies worked for long hours to clear the debris.

Hassan Deputy Commissioner K.S. Lathakumar, on Thursday morning, issued an order diverting the vehicles commuting on the to alternative routes. She visited visited the spot and stated that the administration had identified 12 points vulnerable to landslips on the stretch.

Meanwhile, three of the four routes between Belagavi and Goa were closed due to heavy rain on Wednesday.

Public witnesses summoned to testify in stampede case

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The district administration has initiated a formal inquiry into the stampede that occurred during the Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) victory celebration at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on June 4. As part of the investigation being conducted by Bengaluru Urban District Commissioner and District Magistrate Jagadeesh G., members of the public and media who were present during the incident and possess direct knowledge or evidence have been invited to testify.

The release stated that they can appear in person and submit their statements on Friday at 11 a.m. at the District Magistrate's Court Hall in the Bengaluru Urban District Office on Kempegowda Road, Bengaluru. They must bring two copies of a notarized written affidavit detailing their account of the incident, it added.

Journalist passes away

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Veteran journalist N.C. Gundu Rao, who had worked in *Deccan Herald* in various capacities for nearly 40 years, died here on Thursday following a cardiac arrest. He was 78, and is survived by wife and two daughters. He retired from service in 2005 as Associate Editor.

David Walters concert today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

French-Caribbean artist David Walters will perform in city at the Alliance Française de Bangalore in Vasanth Nagaron Friday at 7.30 p.m.

State BJP's X account booked for defaming former PM Indira Gandhi

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Grounds police have booked the official X account of the State BJP for allegedly uploading defamatory posts against former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi equating her with Hitler.

Based on a complaint filed by S. Manohar, general secretary, KPCC, the police charged the accused under Sections 192 (Wantonly giving provocation with intent to cause riot) and 353 (Statements conducing to public mischief) under BNS. The post had a morphed video of Gandhi while mentioning the Emergency period.

Devanahalli farmers to launch indefinite strike from today; CM agrees for a meeting on July 4

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, on Thursday, announced that he would meet the farmers who are on a protracted struggle demanding shelving of land acquisition for the proposed aerospace park in Devanahalli taluk, on July 4.

However, the farmers refused to call off their agitation over the mere promise of holding a meeting. Stating they would not end their struggle till the government drops the land acquisition completely, the farmers have now decided to launch an indefinite day-and-night dharna from Friday at the Freedom Park in Bengaluru along with people from various walks of life who have offered their support to them.

The farmers have been staging protest in Devanahalli for the last 1,180 days seeking dropping of acquisition of 1,777 acres in 13 villages of Devanahalli taluk.

Earlier in the day, the farmers expressed anguish over the manner in which the police detained them during the Devanahalli chalo protest held on Wednesday. The police had detained over 200 farmers during the public meeting.

Taking exception to this, the farmers' leaders submitted a memorandum to Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday, accusing the police of treating farmers, who were fighting for justice, as criminals.

The farmers' leaders met the Chief Minister along with noted actor Prakash Raj to seek action against the police and also to press for their demand of shelving land acquisition.

Meanwhile, the farmers and social activists, along with people from various walks of life, also staged a dharna at the Freedom Park, condemning the police action.

"The government has tried to suppress the protest of Devanahalli farmers by using excessive police force. We are shocked to see that all the leaders, including women, being dragged and detained in a barbaric manner," the farmers said in their memorandum to the Chief Minister.

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Number of donkeys annually slaughtered for Chinese medicine

6 In million. Almost six million donkeys are slaughtered annually for Chinese medicine, with severe effects for African villagers, a U.K.-based charity said. China, whose donkey population has plummeted from 11 million in 1992 to 1.5 million in 2023, has turned to Africa to meet its demand. AFP

Number of registered unrecognised parties to be delisted by EC

345 The Election Commission on Thursday said it has started proceedings for the delisting of 345 registered unrecognised political parties which have failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for the last six years since 2019. PTI

Arrests in drug-related offences in the last 4-5 months in Delhi

1,100 More than a thousand people involved in drug-related offences were arrested in the last four to five months, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta said on Thursday. She praised the law enforcement agencies but stressed that public support is equally crucial. PTI

Mule accounts used by cyber criminals in India

8.5 in lakh. The CBI has detected 8.50 lakh mule bank accounts in over 700 branches nationwide, which are being used to launder proceeds from scams involving digital theft, fraudulent investments, and UPI-based frauds. PTI

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What sparked the Keeladi controversy?

What was the dispute between the archaeologist and the ASI? Why did the ASI ask for a rewrite of the Keeladi report? Why did political parties react strongly to the decision? How did the public and historians respond to the findings?

EXPLAINER

D. Suresh Kumar

The story so far:

On June 17, archaeologist K. Amarnath Ramakrishna, whose excavation at Keeladi in Tamil Nadu drew the nation's attention, was transferred yet again, this time from New Delhi to Greater Noida. Mr. Ramakrishna, who was serving as the Director (Antiquity) and as Director of the National Mission on Monuments and Antiquities (NMMA), will now be the Director of the NMMA only. The NMMA unit, set up in 2007, according to sources, remains almost defunct. Over two years after Mr. Ramakrishna submitted his 982-page report on the first two phases of excavations carried out at Keeladi between 2014 and 2016, a fresh controversy erupted last month. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) mandated that he revise his report, but he refused to do it. This disagreement sparked a political clash between the Centre and Tamil Nadu.

How did Keeladi excavation begin?

Keeladi has become a symbol of pride for many in Tamil Nadu. Over a decade ago, Amarnath Ramakrishna, then the ASI's Superintending Archaeologist, had initiated excavations at a site known as the Pallichanthai Tidal in Keeladi, originally a coconut grove spanning 100 acres. He had identified over 100 sites for excavation along the Vaigai River, but Keeladi stood out.

It was in Keeladi that they unearthed over 7,500 ancient artifacts, including wall structures, drainage systems, and wells – all evidence of a sophisticated urban society that thrived. What was even more compelling was the carbon dating, which revealed that these elements are over 2,160 years old, dating back to the 2nd century BCE, which is the time of the Sangam period in Tamil history.

K. Amarnath Ramakrishna at the Keeladi excavation site. FILE PHOTO

What made the findings significant?

Archaeologists were stunned by a few findings. Most importantly, there was no evidence of religious symbols at the excavation site, which hinted at the secular nature of the civilisation.

So, naturally, the excitement around Keeladi's discoveries was palpable. Tamil historians and enthusiasts saw it as proof of an advanced ancient Tamil civilisation, but soon after, things took a sharp turn.

What did political critics accuse the Centre of doing?

It all began in 2017, when the ASI transferred Mr. Ramakrishna to Assam just as the excavations were ramping up after the first two phases. Back then, political critics accused the Centre of deliberately derailing the excavations. It is because the Centre that had promised funding and support for further digs delayed both after the second phase.

The local political climate grew tense with some alleging that the Centre was trying to suppress Tamil heritage. By 2017, the excavations had entered its third phase, this time, under archaeologist P.S. Sriraman. After excavating just around 400 square meters, he reported a lack of continuity in the brick structures previously discovered.

Did State's findings resolve the issue?

The Madras High Court stepped in, with judges visiting the excavation site. The court then directed the ASI to continue the excavations and allowed the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology to get involved. The department, in 2019, published a report asserting that Keeladi was an urban settlement dating back to the Sangam era between the 6th century BCE and the 1st century CE.

Since the third phase, the State Archaeology Department has continued the project, but these findings have not helped resolve the issue; instead, the drama has escalated. In January 2023, Mr. Ramakrishna, who was transferred back to Tamil Nadu, submitted his report on the first two phases of excavation.

What did the ASI ask Ramakrishna to do with the report?

For about two-and-a-half years, this report remained with the ASI, and just last month, the ASI sent Mr. Ramakrishna a letter to revise the report. The ASI questioned the dating and depth of certain findings, suggesting the evidence for the earliest period, as it "appeared to be very early," and said it needed further analysis. Mr. Ramakrishna, however, stood firm and refused to rewrite his conclusions, defending his work as scientifically sound, based on rigorous archaeological standards. He argued that the report's chronology was backed by stratigraphic sequences, material culture and even Accelerator Mass Spectrometry.

Why did the ASI's decision spark political outrage?

Against this backdrop, many political parties in Tamil Nadu have slammed the ASI's decision. They have termed it a blatant attempt to suppress Tamil heritage. They argued that the Centre's refusal to acknowledge Keeladi's significance was not just about science but also about politics. Amid the backlash, the Union Minister for Culture, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, said Mr. Ramakrishna's findings were not technically well-supported and further scientific studies were required to validate the findings. He sought more results, data, and evidence because he said a single finding cannot change the entire discourse.

Why did AIADMK stay silent initially?

Interestingly, the AIADMK, which was in power when the Keeladi report was published, remained silent for a long time on the current controversy. However, on June 18, senior leader R.B. Udhayakumar contended that the Centre had sought more information by way of ensuring "additional corroboration." He also said, "if the Keeladi report is rejected, the AIADMK will be the first party to express its voice of protest."

The controversy is not just about one report or one excavation; it is a clash of narratives. The Centre insists on scientific validation while Tamil Nadu views it as a matter of historical recognition. The State government is pressing on with its excavations, which are under way, and it has already set up a new museum at Keeladi, drawing thousands of visitors.

THE GIST

- Archaeologist Amarnath Ramakrishna's transfer from New Delhi to Greater Noida and the ASI's demand to revise his 982-page Keeladi excavation report sparked renewed controversy.
- The ASI questioned the dating and depth of the findings, but Ramakrishna defended his conclusions as scientifically sound, citing stratigraphy and Accelerator Mass Spectrometry.
- The move drew political outrage in Tamil Nadu, with parties accusing the Centre of suppressing Tamil heritage, turning Keeladi into a flashpoint between science, politics, and identity.

What are the most commonly used cancer drugs?

What severe side effects do these cancer drugs carry?

Meriem Mahdi

The story so far:

A major new investigation by the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, published by *The Hindu,* has revealed that cancer drugs shipped around the world to more than 100 countries have failed quality tests. But what are these drugs, and how are they used? Cancer is a disease characterised by uncontrolled cell growth. It is caused by mutations in genes disrupting or inhibiting the normal ways in which cells divide or die. This causes cancerous cells to develop - and when a mass of cancerous cells grows, it can form a tumour. Chemotherapy drugs disrupt this process, and these medicines have transformed the landscape of cancer treatment, improving outcomes for patients. The six types of drugs in our investigation – cisplatin, oxaliplatin, cyclophosphamide, doxorubicin, methotrexate and leucovorin – are all chemotherapy treatments.

What is cisplatin?

Cisplatin is a platinum-based drug that emerged in the 1960s from an unexpected discovery. Researchers found that a platinum-containing compound blocked the growth of bacteria, leading to the realisation that it could potentially be used to combat cancer.

Cisplatin works by binding to the DNA of cancer cells, preventing them from growing and dividing. It is particularly effective against testicular, ovarian, bladder, and certain lung cancers. Its introduction has improved survival rates for many patients, whether used alone or in combination with other therapies.

However, like all potent medications, cisplatin comes with side effects, including sickness, kidney damage, and hearing issues. Cisplatin also suppresses the function of the bone marrow, where new blood cells are produced. The resulting reduction in white blood cells has severe effects on patients' immune systems, leaving them vulnerable to infection.

What is oxaliplatin?

Oxaliplatin, like cisplatin, is a platinum-based drug. It also works by binding to and damaging the DNA of cancer cells. It is used mainly to treat the more advanced stages of colorectal cancer and following surgery for the removal of colon cancer, to wipe out remaining malignant cells.

Oxaliplatin comes with broadly similar side effects to cisplatin.

What is cyclophosphamide?

Cyclophosphamide is another key chemotherapy drug, often used to tackle diseases including breast cancer, some types of leukemia (a type of blood cancer), sarcoma (cancer of the connective tissues) and advanced lymphoma (cancer of the lymph nodes).

Cyclophosphamide disrupts the DNA of cancer cells. This limits their ability to replicate and mutate. It also causes a drop in white blood cells and can cause pain when passing urine due to inflammation of the bladder.

What is doxorubicin?

Often referred to as the "red devil" due to its striking colour and severe side effects, doxorubicin was derived from a type of soil bacteria called Streptomyces and was initially explored as an antibiotic.

Doxorubicin is effective against several types of cancer, including breast cancer, leukaemia, lymphoma and sarcoma. It works by interfering with the cancer cell's DNA and disrupting the replication process. It is a staple in chemotherapy protocols, despite potential side effects including heart damage, risk of infection, skin changes and hair loss.

What is methotrexate?

Methotrexate is very effective against various cancers, including leukaemia, lymphoma and certain types of tumour. By inhibiting the protein responsible for creating new DNA molecules, it stifles cancer cell growth. Methotrexate is given in high doses, followed by leucovorin to help protect healthy cells from damage.

What is leucovorin?

Leucovorin, also known as folinic acid (not to be confused with folic acid), is a form of vitamin B9. It differs from the rest that were tested in the investigation in that it is not technically considered a chemotherapy drug, but a companion to chemotherapy. It was first introduced in the 1950s and was designed to manage the side effects of methotrexate, for which it is still used today.

Meriem Mahdi is with The Bureau of Investigative Journalism

THE GIST

- A major investigation revealed that commonly used chemotherapy drugs failed quality tests after being shipped to over 100 countries.
- These drugs work by targeting cancer cells while minimising harm to normal cells, but also cause severe side effects like kidney damage, immune suppression, and heart risk.

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The big AI shake-up

While Bengaluru is home to more than a lakh artificial intelligence professionals, AI has also brought with it fears of job loss. The launch of a survey recently by Karnataka's Department of Information Technology and Biotechnology to assess the impact of AI on the workforce is an indication of the State getting set to face up to this multi-dimensional issue, writes Shilpa Elizabeth

Illustration: Satheesh Vellinezhi

At a leading hospital in Bengaluru, an artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled invoice digitisation system was implemented around four months ago.

"Initially, the invoice details were documented on paper, and later entered manually into the system. Now, the job is being done by AI, which extracts details from the soft copies of invoices," says Vijay (name changed), who is overseeing the project and a few other AI initiatives at the hospital.

According to him, automation brought down human intervention in the process by at least 50%. "No one has been laid off. People were only repurposed," he says while admitting that the development may affect recruitments in the future.

Hima (name changed), a consultant at one of the biggest accounting firms, was part of an office meeting recently where people were encouraged to share their apprehensions on the firm's AI implementations. "Some of our coders were very upbeat about the introduction of AI. There is a resource crunch in the coding team, and they are often very stretched. But with the firm investing in AI tools and code assistants, they say life has become easier for them," she notes.

Multifaceted effects

As AI reshapes the workforce across sectors, its effects are proving to be multifaceted, and far from uniform.

Bengaluru is today home to more than a lakh AI professionals. The city was also recently ranked among the top five AI ecosystems in the Global Startup Ecosystem Index. With Bengaluru positioning itself in the thick of AI advancements and the Karnataka government now on the cusp of launching the next IT policy, the State's Information Technology and Biotechnology Department recently launched a survey to assess the impact of AI on the workforce.

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>
> **GURUPRASAD MUDLAPUR,** vice-chairman of CII Karnataka and vice-president of Bosch Group in India

Among other things, it aims to understand how AI is being integrated into day-to-day operations across organisations, which business functions are seeing the biggest changes, and which job roles are most vulnerable to automation.

The survey is an indication of the State taking serious note of the big shake-up that is on our doorstep.

The AI-augmented future

From enhancing precision in surgeries to detecting fraud in banking and finance, enabling robotic automation in manufacturing, powering personalised recommendations in retail, and optimising traffic control in cities, AI is becoming increasingly ubiquitous and almost indispensable. According to the United Nations, the global AI market is projected to reach $4.8 trillion by 2033.

The other side of this, however, is the fears of lay-off and displacement, especially in jobs involving routine and repetitive tasks, coupled with a growing sense of overwhelm as workers struggle to adapt to an ever-evolving workplace. A recent report by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development predicted that AI would impact 40% of the jobs worldwide and widen inequality. Amazon CEO Andy Jassy's recent comment about the company moving to a smaller corporate workforce due to the adoption of generative AI tools and agents has not helped allay fears, particularly as the tech giant has laid off more than 27,000 employees since 2022.

What is going to be the net result of this disruption and how is it going to play out in India?

"I think, in the future, all of us will be AI-augmented humans," says Guruprasad Mudlapur, vice-chairman of the Confederation of Indian Industry, Karnataka, vice-president of Bosch Group in India, and managing director of Bosch Ltd. While acknowledging the possibility of significant disruption across industries, he believes the net outcome will be positive.

Skilling crucial

While it is clear by now that the IT and ITeS workforce stands to see the biggest impact of the technology, changes are expected in sectors such as financial services, manufacturing, healthcare, and e-commerce.

"Skills in general will undergo massive change. The skills required in the new world of AI will necessitate a high level of digital literacy. AI-ML (machine learning) skills even in non-technical roles will be very essential now," remarks Mudlapur.

According to him, while Bengaluru, or Karnataka at large, can boast of the highest AI-ready talent pool, specialist AI talent – which is required to develop an AI model, for example – is in short supply. "We can see why we have not built a GPT of our own," he points out, while adding that universities also need to take note of the requirements of the future and act on training students accordingly.

Initiatives in skilling

Karnataka's IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge notes that shaping strategic interventions under the government's skilling initiative, NIPUNA Karnataka, is among the aims of the AI survey. The survey is the first such initiative by a State government and a serious step in the direction of skilling.

"There is a strong need to understand the actual disruption that is happening. A lot of people are saying a lot of things, but is that disruption going to result in actual job loss, or is it something that can be addressed through reskilling or upskilling? It is to understand this that we have reached out to stakeholders through the survey... If you see the way AI and other emerging technologies have disrupted over the last four years, we would require some collective feedback from the industry so that we would be able to give out the most conducive policy for growth," he says.

With technology poised to change the way the IT and ITeS sectors work, companies too have been moving in the direction of skilling.

"I'm constantly trying to repurpose my people to shift them towards the demand," says Ravi Vasantraj, Global Delivery Head, Mphasis. "I'm now changing my talent management systems to start allowing for people to get trained or hyper-personalised in their training. Let's say someone is a full-stack Java developer, but we are seeing demand for people with React.js or Node.js skills. We will start prodding this person to get trained in them, showing his chances to get higher billing and hence higher compensation," says Vasantraj who likes to see AI as "an intelligent assist – like J.A.R.V.I.S. to Stark in *Avengers*."

Sindhu Gangadharan, MD of SAP Labs India and chairperson of the National Association of Software and Service Companies, notes that the company offers curated learning journeys tailored to individual skill profiles, leveraging internal platforms, global partners, and partnerships with institutions such as IIM Bangalore, IIIT Bangalore, BITS Pilani, and Northwestern Kellogg. "The result is a future-ready workforce empowered to lead with an AI-first mindset. Today, 50% of our employees are already AI-enabled. Over the past year alone, they've completed more than 35,000 courses and clocked over 2,00,000 learning hours," she says.

Multiplying demand?

With almost every corporate investing in AI and demand for AI agents and tools increasing, the number of AI roles has also risen, creating a large demand for people trained in the same. A recent report by Naukri JobSpeak recorded a 25% year-on-year rise in hiring for AI and ML roles in India.

"It (AI) will create more than it will alter," says Vasantraj, who believes that not only will the technology not take away jobs, but will probably multiply the demand 10 times and enhance the productivity of employees.

"The combined industry of North America, Europe, and Asia-Pacific spends anywhere between $1.8 trillion and $1.9 trillion to support legacy technology. This is known as tech debt. People are worried that they will lose their jobs to AI. But our premise is that these $1.9 trillion will come into the market because now it's viable."

According to him, the latent demand from clients who were earlier reluctant to deploy AI is now getting activated. Mphasis witnessed its pipeline jumping up by an unprecedented 70% between quarters three and four in the last financial year, he notes.

The other half

The high demand for AI talent in IT and ITeS is, however, only half the story, say sources within the industry. While there is demand, the elephant in the room is the immense pressure on AI development teams within companies, says Radhika (name changed), who works as a project manager at the Bengaluru office of a global technology and service supplier.

"Companies like ours have purchased AI technologies from behemoths like Google or OpenAI for huge prices. The investment has been massive, and they need returns. To get the desired results, they put immense pressure on AI development teams, often pushing them to the brim," she notes. According to her, most IT and ITeS companies have so far not been able to achieve the expected efficiency or profits by deploying AI in place of people. "Coding assistance is the only use case that is working to some extent," she says.

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>
> **RAVI VASANTRAJ,** Global Delivery Head, Mphasis

The way forward then, has been to extract more out of the remaining employees, alleges Radhika.

"Even when they haven't fixed the issues with the existing AI tools, they invest in more. This will not only burden the employees, but also reduce the quality of products and services in the industry going forward," she says, citing the example of the customer services function, where several companies witnessed lower customer satisfaction after trying to replace executives with AI bots.

Technology vs. labour

Balaji Parthasarathy, professor at IIIT Bangalore and principal investigator of the Fairwork India project, argues that in India, the impact of AI on the workforce will pan out differently as compared with the West. He points out how some companies, for example, have abstained from deploying AI in certain roles in India, simply because the labour is cheap and pliant, and labour laws are loosely enforced.

"If you look at the warehouses of big companies like Amazon in the U.S., there are high levels of automation. In many parts of the world, they are experimenting with drones for delivery. But in a country like India, where labour is relatively inexpensive, it doesn't make as much sense. It may, in fact, be costlier for companies to bring in these technologies. Here, workers are replaced easily because there is high levels of unemployment and labour rights are not strictly enforced."

Sector-specific debate

He notes that the AI vs. jobs debate is also sector-specific and a function of whether the AI tools can deliver on the organisational priorities. "In areas where you require precision or the job is hazardous, deployment of AI or robotics is critical. If there are tasks that can be easily automated at very low costs, AI will be used for them. Then there are fields where the technology will enter but will require human beings to know how to use them to augment what they do, rather than displace them. I think the word 'augment' is not considered enough," says Parthasarathy.

The fear of job loss is not entirely baseless though, admits Mudlapur. Repetitive manual skills may be the most vulnerable, and these might involve job roles such as coding, invoice processing, accounting, and research assistance. Mid-skilled white-collar jobs like analyst might also get replaced if they do not have deep domain knowledge, he remarks.

"We see the coding efficiency going up by 30% if we adopt AI, GPTs, and other tools to enhance the codes. But we can also say we may not require 30% of the software talent. But a positive way to look at it is this 30% could do more sophisticated work, like building models and so on," he says. "Overall, there will be a shake-up in the job market. That is very clear."

The shape-shifters

Vasantraj of Mphasis feels the anxieties, at least concerning the job losses in the IT/ITeS sector, are part of the usual fears before any new technology takes off. "Our industry evolves very quickly. This industry was written down after Y2K. But we are shape-shifters, and we keep learning. My view is that there will be a decoupling between revenues and headcount, which means that with the same number of people, you'll be able to multiply revenues," he notes, attributing the lay-offs at the companies to macroeconomic factors rather than AI.

According to Vasantraj, regulations, responsible AI, and data breaches should be the bigger concerns.

"If AI is combined with quantum, you have a real problem. Your Gmail could be hacked in 30 seconds. Given the kind of geopolitical situations, there will be characters that might start using it in an obtuse manner. It's similar to nuclear energy in that sense. If you have a J.A.R.V.I.S. with Stark, you will also have a Thanos somewhere. But that's a problem for tomorrow," he says.

In contrast: Balaji Parthasarathy, professor at IIIT Bangalore and principal investigator of the Fairwork India project, argues that in India, the impact of AI on the workforce will pan out differently as compared with the West. GETTY IMAGES

IN THE LIMELIGHT

A still from '*Alappuzha Gymkhana*'. SONY LIV/YOUTUBE

How '*Alappuzha Gymkhana*' champions the idea of an atypical sports film

Alappuzha Gymkhana and films like *Kacchey Limbu*, *Lubber Pandhu*, and *Godha* break away from clichéd underdog stories, focusing instead on flawed characters, emotional honesty, and the joy of simply playing; these atypical sports films find beauty in sacrifices, celebrating not just triumph

Vivek M.V.

On June 7, Temba Bavuma had more supporters than he knew after he led South Africa to a historic World Test Championship triumph against Australia. Bavuma, ridiculed for his short stature, managed to turn critics into friends.

Ahead of the final, despite being the captain, Bavuma wasn't the one expected to be the X factor in the team. Experts rated the likes of Aiden Markram, Kagiso Rabada, and Ryan Rickelton higher than the top-order batsmen. Battling a hamstring issue, Bavuma had to play out of his skin to prove to the world that he was beyond the description of a black African cricketer.

'Unlikely hero'

Bavuma's journey is a testimony to the heart-over-height phenomenon in sports. The entertaining Malayalam film *Alappuzha Gymkhana,* currently streaming on SonyLiv, reflects this inspiring quality in a sportsperson. Director Khalid Rahman explores the idea of the unlikely hero through a character named Shifas (played by Franco Francis). He is called "*cheruth*" (meaning small) for his build, and the film cleverly keeps our attention away until he knocks down an opponent inside the boxing ring. "I hope you all realised that being tall doesn't make you big," he snaps at his teammates after his win.

An atypical sports film is less obsessed with the sporting result and more interested in exploring the vulnerabilities of its characters. *Alappuzha Gymkhana* is yet another Malayalam film that beautifully subverts a popular cinematic trope. Boxing is a vast genre, and the temptation to follow the structure of the underdog story (a la *Rocky*) is hard to resist. Rahman chooses the path less trodden.

In one line, *Alappuzha Gymkhana* can be described as a tale of amateurish boxers competing at a high level, only to realise they aren't good enough yet. A traditional boxing drama would have made the bunch of boys overnight champions. Director Rahman, who has co-written the script with Sreeni Saseendran, focuses on the mindset of the losers.

Naslen, who plays Jojo Johnson, is the lead of the movie, albeit only on paper, as the inventive writing strips off from Naslen's character all the qualities of a commercial hero. Jojo is a goofy youngster and a team player. He cheers up his teammates battling self-doubt.

Jojo is less of a skilled boxer and more of a cheerleader. Nalsen, with his charming screen presence and natural dialogue delivery, is perfect for the role. In a film filled with several adrenaline-inducing bouts, the clever casting produces several wonderful little moments, like when Jojo rallies for his crush with the famous line from Mohammad Ali, "Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee."

The story denies all the main characters a conventional ending, bolstering the believability of the plot. The team's captain (essayed by Ganapathi) is willing to sacrifice a crucial game for the safety of his players. The coach openly talks about his imperfections in a heartwarming scene. The unusual treatment notwithstanding, Rahman never dilutes the "vibe" of a fun boxing drama and films the boxing battles with verve. The camera becomes an important character. Cinematographer Jimshi Khalid captures the tension inside the ring and the minute expressions of the fighting participants.

Bollywood has squeezed the sports genre like a well-served tube of toothpaste. Amid the overdose of generic sports films, *Kacchey Limbu* (2022) stands apart for its ideas. In the movie, siblings Aditi Nath (Radhika Madan) and Rajat Barmecha (Aakash Nath) see cricket as a breeding ground for their respective dreams. Aditi seeks agency and self-respect, while Rajat tries to renegotiate his goals even as he enjoys his fame as a talented gully cricketer. The film indulges in the almost-forgotten idea of 'colony-cricket', yet it falls short of being perfect thanks to its over-stuffed themes.

In Tamizharasan Pachamuthu's brilliant *Lubber Pandhu,* ego, not skill, defines the rivalry between the lead characters. You witness the conflict of the generation gap, as an up-and-coming bowler and a veteran batsman don't see eye to eye. When cricket fades into the background, you feel the tension caused by the impending off-the-ground battles fuelled by two egoistic men.

Nothing is on the face in this rural drama that celebrates cricket in a delightfully casual manner. In the middle of intense cricketing encounters, commentators slip in details of memorable matches in a hilarious manner. A subtle scene elevates cricket when a woman asks a character why he loves the game so much. "I just love it, that's all," he says, with a beaming smile that reflects his love for the sport. And when it comes to the lead character losing for a cause, the message (caste discrimination) isn't thankfully hammered home.

Basil Joseph's *Godha* (2017) is as mainstream as it can get. It ticks every cliche in the book, like a sportsperson (in this case, a wrestler) defying odds, a coming-of-age tale of a man, a love story, and a rousing climax. Yet, the writing focuses on the joy of small things, as the film brims with hilarious conversations and beautiful moments of realisation and the redemptive quality of sports.

And in the final act, the movie organically portrays the hero as a second fiddle by providing ample room for the leading female character to shine, a significant sign of an atypical sports drama.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Russian battleship Potemkin became famous 120 years ago on this day when her crew mutinied against its officers

Vasudevan Mukunth

QUESTION 1

Name the war the Russian Empire was fighting at the time the crew of the Potemkin mutinied. Russia suffered heavy losses during one particular battle in this war, forcing it to sue for peace and sending crew morale in its naval fleet plummeting. This was one of the causes of the mutiny.

QUESTION 2

Name the leader of the Bolshevik Party who said the First Russian Revolution as well as the Potemkin mutiny, both of which transpired in 1905, were a "dress rehearsal" for the October Revolution that happened 12 years after.

QUESTION 3

Following the mutiny, to which country did the crew of the Potemkin appeal for asylum? The country granted asylum after the crew was disarmed and surrendered its weapons. Two days later, a Russian rear admiral arrived to reclaim the vessel for the Russian navy.

QUESTION 4

On October 12, 1905, a little more than three months after the mutiny, the Potemkin was renamed _____. The name was derived from that of a Christian saint and which in Greek means "all-compassionate". It's also the name of a character in Philip Pullman's 'His Dark Materials' series. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 5

Potemkin was classified as a pre-_____ battleship. The label is derived from a Royal Navy battleship floated in 1906 whose design revolutionised naval power worldwide, so much so that the battleship's name became the label. Fill in the blank.

Visual Question:
Name this celebrated Soviet filmmaker who dramatised the Potemkin mutiny in a 1925 silent film that has since been considered one of the greatest ever made. PUBLIC DOMAIN

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. How many objects are in the Messier catalogue? **Ans: 110**
2. Messier objects are classified as what? **Ans: Deep-sky objects**
3. M45 is an asterism seen in the constellation Taurus. What is its more common name? **Ans: The Pleiades**
4. Which constellation contains the most Messier objects? **Ans: Sagittarius**
5. How many nebulas did Charles Messier discover? **Ans: 40**
Visual: Identify the craters in the picture. **Ans: Messier and Messier A craters**
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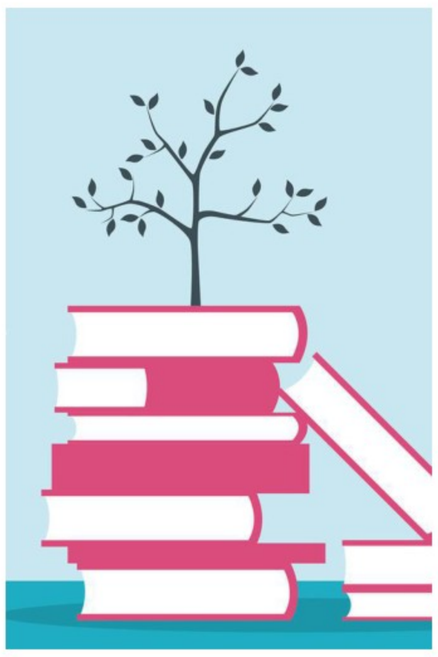

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know Your English

K. Subramaniam
S. Upendran

"How do you pronounce E..d..i..b..l..e?"

"The 'e' in the first syllable sounds like the 'e' in the words 'met', 'bet' and 'set'. The 'i' in the second syllable sounds like the 'i' in 'in'. And the final 'ble'...

"....sounds like the 'ble' in 'bubble'. I suppose?"

"That's right. And the stress is on the first syllable. The word is pronounced 'Edible'."

"Edible! I see. Edible means 'eatable', right?"

"Well, yes. But there is a difference between 'eatable' and 'edible'."

"There is? What is the difference?"

"When you say something is 'edible', it means that it is safe for someone to eat it. For example, I can say, these berries are edible; but those are poisonous."

"But all mushrooms are edible."

"That's right. Some may be poisonous."

"So, when you use the word 'edible' you are only talking about whether something can be eaten or not. You are not talking about how the thing tastes. Is that correct?"

"That's correct. When you say something is edible, all that you are saying is that it can be eaten. You are not saying whether it tastes good or not. If you want to talk about the taste of what you are eating, then you use the word 'eatable'."

"So if I say, the idlis were eatable, it means....."

"....the taste of the idlis was reasonably good."

"I see. So, something may be edible, but not necessarily eatable."

"Exactly! Badly cooked food may be edible. That is it may be safe to eat it, but it may not always be eatable...."

"....it may taste so bad that you may not be able to eat it. Just like my cousin Uma's cooking!"

"Did you visit her recently?"

"I went there yesterday. She gave me a piece of cake and I had trouble eating it."

"I have met many bad cooks in my life. But she is the daddy of them all!"

"'Daddy of them all' is an informal expression and it means 'the best or most extreme example of someone or something'."

"I see. So, in the example you just gave what you mean is that Uma is the worst cook you have ever met."

"Exactly! Here's another example. I have worked with many lazy people, but my present boss is the daddy of them all."

"Meaning he is the laziest person you have ever worked with."

"Right again! Last night's thunderstorm was the daddy of them all."

"You're right. But we need more such thunderstorms. Otherwise, we are going to have water shortage this summer."

"And water shortage means power cuts."

"And I have a feeling this year's power cut is going to be the daddy of them all!"

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Word of the day

Succour:
assistance in time of difficulty

Synonyms: aid, comfort, ease

Usage: *She offered him succour in his time of need*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/succourpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /sʌkə/

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Binge on these burgers

From artisanal buns and smash patties to gourmet ingredients, burgers in Bengaluru are witnessing a transformation

Prachi Rathi

When we think of fast food, burgers are the first thing that comes to mind. Over the years, this classic has evolved with new flavours, textures, and techniques. Today, Bengaluru's diners are redefining burgers by borrowing international methods, using premium ingredients, and focusing on the overall experience. Despite their gourmet makeover, these burgers still deliver the comfort we crave. Here are five spots that serve up smashing good burgers:

Beyondburg Inc

Started in 2017 as a humble four-seater restaurant in Bengaluru, Beyondburg Inc now has outlets in Calicut and Cochin. Muhammed Anas, Ajmal Jaseem, and Muhammed Nishaph met through a mutual friend over their shared love for food, and the idea was born. "Back then, no one was serving proper smash burgers. Smash burgers have an elevated taste because of smashing patties which creates smoky flavours and crusty edges," says Anas. Their philosophy is simple, a burger should be classic – just meat, cheese, and a little dressing. They list calories and protein content, catering to health-conscious customers. I savour the Nashville fried chicken burger which has soft buns and a juicy patty. The red quinoa burger, their only vegetarian option for now, intrigues me. The burgers are wholesome and not greasy or messy.They also serve wings, tenders, hot dogs, bagels, and milkshakes.

Burgers start at ₹369. At St. Marks Road. Call 9072964242

Guerilla Diner

Walking into this diner felt like stepping into a retro burger joint straight out of a movie or a comic book. Helmed by chef Tushar Sood, who boasts 13 years of experience in the industry, this newly opened 12-seater is his tribute to junk food, "I grew up eating it," Sood says. "When I finally opened my own place, I knew it had to be all about that."

I try the Sichuan fried chicken sandwich which is crisp, spicy and "a tribute to New York's Pecking House as we are following their recipe" he says. The crowd favouites are the smash burgers, the purist and Oklahoma. "I want to explore more American classics that we mostly see on TV," says Sood.

Burgers start at ₹220. At Halasuru. For more details call, 9313362565

Basco And Fry

Basco and Fry was founded in 2021 with plans to launch as a dine-in restaurant. However, frequent COVID-19 lockdowns led them to launch as a delivery kitchen instead. The brand was born out of founders Ritika Tiwari and Karan Vir Sing's shared love for hot sauce. "We have a huge pantry filled with different hot sauces, and we thought, why not create dishes using them?" says Ritika. They began with chicken wings in a variety of sauces, which eventually evolved into burgers. "Basco is a colloquial term for hot sauce in the US, and 'Fry' represents our wings and burgers," she adds. Their Nashville hot chicken is loaded, and well-rounded with house slaw, gherkins, and homemade ranch. Another must-try is the smashed double cheeseburger, featuring a smashed tenderloin patty, cheddar, cocktail sauce, and Dijon mustard. Beyond burgers, they offer wings and a range of appetizers.

Burgers start at ₹315. At Indiranagar. For more details, call 7411782411

Good Flippin' Burgers

Established by Sijo Mathew, Sid Marchant, and Viren D'Siva in 2019 from a small cloud kitchen in Khar, Mumbai, Good Flippin' Burgers was built on the belief that great burgers do not need unnecessary frills. "Our goal was never to take shortcuts, just to serve good flippin' burgers." says D'Siva. I try the Cluckinator, their signature burger that features fried chicken with honey mustard mayo, a classic crowd favourite. The Cheese Bomb lives up to its name – the first bite is an explosion of cheddar and mozzarella cheese. Tenders, wings, wraps, milkshakes, in house flippinade sodas and beers are on the menu too. They recently began hosting burger raves with DJs. "The idea was to combine two things people love, great burgers and high energy," says D'Siva

Burgers start at ₹245. At Church Street, HSR layout and RMZ Ecoworld . For more details call, 18002023312

Smash Guys

Abhijit Gupta and Nikhil Gupta, co-founders of The Pizza Bakery and Paris Panini, are now on a mission to build a ₹100 crore burger brand in 100 days. After multiple online and offline pop-ups, their smash burger venture finally opens its first outlet in Indiranagar. "One year of trials, countless bun experiments with milk, brioche, sesame, Japanese milk bun, we have finally arrived," says Abhijit. The menu highlights bold flavours and perfected textures.

I taste the oyster mushroom karaage burger, which has crispy mushrooms, togarashi flakes, and truffle aioli, and is a standout vegetarian pick. I am also impressed with the Nashville fried chicken burger that delivers crunch, spice, and balance with garlic aioli and pickles. Among the smash burgers, the chilli cheese lamb which has double smash patties is excellent, while the 8-hour braised brisket burger is equally good. "We sear the brisket and slow-cook it for eight hours to lock in flavours," says Abhijit. "Our goal is to elevate the burger experience."

Burgers star at ₹320. At Indiranagar. For more details call, 89517 57290

STEPOUT

Celebrating Indian classical music

Swaranjali Delhi, a platform dedicated to the promotion and preservation of Indian classical music, will hold 'Colours of India – Morning Raagas', a musical performance exploring Hindustani and Carnatic traditions this weekend.

At Arikhoj, JP Nagar on June 28, from 10 am.

Challenging tradition

IT IS YOU by Our Theatre Collective, a 60-minute performance that explores the embodied tensions and themes of collective responsibility, identity, and the future of our planet, will be staged this week.

At Jagriti Theatre, Whitefield on June 27, from 7.30 pm. Tickets, priced at Rs 300, are available at bookmyshow.com.

Shake a leg

French-Caribbean musician David Walters will be presenting his Soul Tropical Rhythms at the Alliance française de Bangalore as part of his India tour. His music is a medley of his Afro-Caribbean roots, soul, funk, and global grooves, is part of the International Fête de la Musique festival.

Registration link on instagram @af_bangalore.

Vidwan AV Anand, a renowned mridangist, will be felicitated for his eight-decade long musical journey

Reverberating success

Ranjani Govind

With eight decades of a musical career to his credit, mridanga Vidwan AV Anand has not only accompanied star musicians, but has also led solo percussion sessions on global music platforms. "I have had the privilege of accompanying five generations of star artistes on my mridanga," says Anand, whose his first concert was with Violin Chowdiah when he was barely 11 years old.

After that concert, Anand says, he was mentored by Chowdiah in more than just musical finesse. Alankar Venkobachar Anand, a recipient of the Karnataka Rajya Sangeeta Vidwan, also credits his guru, Ghata vidwan KS Manjunath, for his foundation in rhythm and *laya* (tempo), and adds he was also inspired by mridangists Palghat Mani Iyer and Palani Subramanya Pillai.

AV Anand, who just turned 90, is being felicitated on June 28 by senior musicians and percussionists at Layananda, a musical event, that will celebrate his life and achievements.

"With no dramatic walloping on his instrument, Vidwan Anand has demonstrated how his aesthetic-thumping hardly ever overwhelms the main artiste. He has passed on his signature *Arai Chapu* and fingering techniques to hundreds of students who are successful percussionists today," says senior musician Ramakanth Srikantan, who has been observing Anand's talent from the 1960s.

The maestro's innovative percussion compositions are now available as online lessons free of cost on his website. "Creating the site was a two-year intellectual exercise," says Kalashree, Anand's daughter, talking about the Herculean task undertaken by two of her father's senior students – Abhijit S and Puranika V Bhatta.

The duo recorded nearly 1,000 lessons in audio and video formats and curated the content for the site. Apart from the official launch of the website at Layananda, the event will see musical tributes to AV Anand.

Layananda, felicitation of mridangist AV Anand, will take place at Pathi Sabhangana, NR Colony Rama Mandira on June 28, from 9.30am. Entry free. Log in to layananda.org for more information on the maestro and more

Flying fingers Mridangist AV Anand. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Running the ultra mile

Ashwini Ganapathi Bhat talks about her journey in setting the national record for women in the Backyard Ultra 2025

Shot on OnePlus #FramesofIndia

Staying the course Ashwini Ganapathi Bhat during her morning run session. MURALI KUMAR K

Sophia Mary Mathew

It is 4pm, and Ashwini Ganapathi Bhat swipes her card as she exits a gym at Millers Road, greeting us with a welcome smile. "I train here thrice for nearly three hours every week," she says. Not too long ago, the 39-year-old participated in the Backyard Ultra Bangalore, running for 28 hours and setting the national record for women at 187.6 kms in the process.

Backyard Ultra is an ultra-marathon event that was founded in 1910 by Gary Cantrell from Tenessee, USA, that requires participants to complete one loop (one kilometre) in one hour in order to enter the next loop. The unique feature of the race is the lack of a finish line; the race is declared over when only one participant remains to complete the loop.

The Bengaluru edition of the race took place recently.

"In this format, the most interesting thing is that your family and friends can come and support you, so more than an individual pursuit, it becomes a community activity," notes Ashwini, who finished second.

Life before the race

Ashwini Ganapathi Bhat recalls being athletically-inclined since childhood, engaging in field hockey and other sports since her school days, but she ran a marathon for the first time as an IT professional at an event organised by her company.

"We are used to races being about finishing first, but I was intrigued by the distance. It was never about how fast I could cover the distance, but how far I could go."

The fascination with distance led Ashwini to quit her job in 2016, and after a year as a professional photographer, she decided to become a full-time runner. "I realised quite early on, that I have a lot of endurance, which helps one last longer in a race. That is how ultra running happened," she says.

Running, for Ashwini, has primarily created a global community that looks out for each other and induces perseverance in one another. "Once, I had to travel to the United States for a hundred-miler, and needed an affordable place to stay. One of my friends reached out to the Bay Area runners in San Fransisco, and a total stranger messaged me," she says, describing her introduction to Ajit Narwal, a fellow Indian runner who hosted her with his family for the next 10 days.

She further acknowledges the constant support of her husband and in-laws, who cheer her at every event.

Consistency is key

Prepping for an event such as the Backyard Ultra, requires immense grit and determination, physically, emotionally and psychologically. This is why, Ashwini says, her training routine had to include multiple layers and immense discipline.

"You can practice running for hours, build body strength, etc., but the actual conditions at the race can never be simulated. The weather can affect you, your body can experience discomfort, and your shoes can cause blisters. The terrain, the time and the tension, all of these aspects need presence of mind. Learning mental techniques can help you to face the moment, bear the pain, and build a mindset to tell yourself – you've done it before. It happens. It is okay."

Ashwini reveals her greatest motivators are women who tell they were inspired by her. "Women have a natural endurance; that is just how our body works, and if I have encouraged someone to try, then that makes me happy."

Rise in C-sections: Audit finds lack of confidence among specialists is a factor

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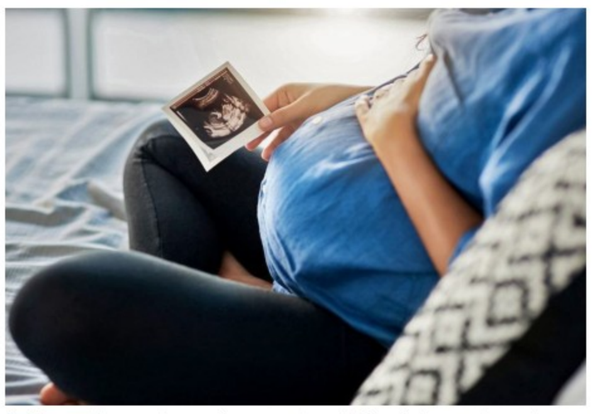

In Karnataka, nearly one in every three deliveries is conducted through a C-section. GETTY IMAGES

An audit of caesarean section (C-section) deliveries in Karnataka by a team of experts from the Health Department has found lack of confidence among specialists to take trials in moderate cases for fear of newborn morbidity and mortality, and sub-optimal capacity of the labour room doctors and nurses to be the main contributing factors for a rise in the surgical deliveries.

In Karnataka, nearly one in every three deliveries is conducted through a C-section.

Over the past 15 years, the C-section rate has doubled, indicating a significant shift in obstetric practices. While cesarean delivery is a lifesaving intervention when medically indicated, excessively high rates are associated with increased surgical risks, higher healthcare costs, and unnecessary strain on the health system. To address this growing concern and to bring down C-section rates, the department initiated a comprehensive review of C-section practices and an audit of such deliveries at the Tumkuru district hospital, where the rate is the highest in the State. The findings of the review and audit – conducted by a multi-stakeholder committee in January 2025 – were reviewed by the State Technical Committee on June 17.

According to the committee's report, every second caesarean was a repeat C-section, without trial for vaginal birth after caesarean (VBAC). Besides, non-standardised induction practices leading to poor labour progression, high referrals from taluk hospitals to the district hospital and a demand by patients and their relatives have contributed to higher C-section rates.

Harsh Gupta, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare, told *The Hindu* on Thursday that regular audits of C-section cases in randomly selected public facilities will henceforth be done by the State Technical Committee.

Corrective measures

"While this audit is for Tumkuru district hospital, the contributing factors are by and large the same in all districts. Based on the findings, we have initiated corrective measures and are conducting orientation programmes for obstetricians and gynaecologists on the safety and feasibility of VBAC. Of late, C-section has become a trend with many women themselves opting for it," he said.

"While optimisation of quality antenatal care (ANC) checks is being taken up by introducing newer tools such as 'Gestosis scoring' used to assess the risk of preeclampsia and 'Pregnancy wheels' used to calculate gestational age and estimated delivery date, the consent form for the C-section has been revised by incorporating side effects of procedure," Mr. Gupta said.

To encourage vaginal births under the Ayushman Bharat Arogya Karnataka (AB-ArK) scheme, the department is considering a proposal for inclusion of incentives for normal delivery services at primary and secondary healthcare facilities.

"Apart from this, a proposal for withdrawal of team-based incentives for conducting C-sections to discourage unnecessary procedures is also under consideration," he said.

To ensure evidence-based practices and reduce unnecessary caesarean sections, the committee has recommended development of State-specific guidelines for labour induction.

"Strengthening the taluk hospitals by rationalisation of posting specialists to provide assured comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care services round the clock; refresher trainings on evidence-based labour management for obstetric care teams and regular online capacity building of skills required for labour room process have also been recommended," he said.

Laxity won't be tolerated, CM tells AAGs

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Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that as many as 21,799 cases of the State government are pending in the High Court and told Additional Advocates-General (AAGs) that any laxity will not be tolerated.

Chairing a meeting of AAGs on Thursday, he said no action had been initiated in 5,016 cases of the government.

In many cases, the government had suffered setbacks owing to lack of preparation and ineffective arguments on the cases. "You are all senior advocates. It is your responsibility to safeguard the government's interest. Your laxity will be tolerated for any reason," the Chief Minister warned.

Noting that stay orders were easily obtained against the government in many cases, he asked advocates, "Why are there increasing cases of stay orders not cleared for years? Action should be taken to clear the stay orders in cases against the government as soon as possible," he said.

The Chief Minister said the government faced embarrassment in some minor cases. "It [the government] should not be embarrassed by your mistakes," he told advocates.

Rajanna hints at major developments in State after Sept.

However, Deputy Chief Minister Shivakumar says media is blowing up issues, while Satish Jarkiholi says big changes are unlikely

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K.N. Rajanna

After remaining silent for close to two months, Cooperation Minister K.N. Rajanna on Thursday hinted at "major political developments" in Karnataka after September.

Comments by Mr. Rajanna, a loyalist of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, after the latter's three-day trip to New Delhi and talks with Central leaders, assumed significance amid speculation about a possible Cabinet reshuffle and leadership change in the State later this year.

Speaking to reporters here, Mr. Rajanna said: "Let September pass....There will be developments in State politics. It will begin after September."

Mr. Rajanna is one among the Chief Minister's loyalists seeking removal of D.K. Shivakumar as KPCC president. There has also been speculation within the ruling Congress about change of the Chief Minister later this year, following power-sharing deal involving Mr. Siddaramaiah and Mr. Shivakumar.

Asked about the opinion among some legislators that Mr. Siddaramaiah is not the same as he was during his first term as Chief Minister (2013-18) and whether there is pressure on him, Mr. Rajanna said: "There are too many power centres in the ruling Congress in the State."

Noting that there was only one power centre during 2013-18, Mr. Rajanna said: "Now there are one, two, three...", apparently referring to the Chief Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister, and the party high command.

"When there are many power centres, there will be a flurry of activities, and in that background, he (Mr. Siddaramaiah) will also have to manage the government and party, according to the situation," Mr. Rajanna said.

However, reacting to Mr. Rajanna's remark, Mr. Shivakumar said: "The Chief Minister has not lost control... The high command has also not lost control... Only the media is blowing up the issue."

Meanwhile, asked about any "big development" in State politics or at the government level, by the end of this year, Public Works Minister Satish Jarkiholi, another loyalist of the Chief Minister, said: "I would not say big changes, but there may be changes."

Asked about the possibility of Cabinet reshuffle, he said: "There may be some changes, not big changes..."

These comments from the Ministers come after Congress legislators, such as Raju Kage, B.R. Patil, and Housing Minister B.Z. Zameer Ahmed Khan, met Mr. Siddaramaiah on Wednesday, soon after the Chief Minister returned from Delhi.

Sowing the seeds for a space experiment

Girish Pattanashetti
HUBBALLI

Chosen ones: Green gram and fenugreek from Dharwad have been sent to the International Space Station. RAVIKUMAR HOSAMANI

Research aims to contribute towards the development of India-centric vegetables for astronaut nourishment

As Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla's Axiom-4 mission (Ax-4) to the International Space Station (ISS) was launched successfully on Wednesday, the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) has something to cheer about. Along with Mr. Shubhanshu, the seeds sent by the university will also be reaching the ISS.

In an experiment that is of relevance to the crew's nutrition, principal investigator from UAS, Dharwad, Ravikumar Hosamani, and co-investigator Sudheer Siddapureddy from IIT-Dharwad have taken up the project under which two types of seeds – green gram and fenugreek (methi) – have reached the ISS for an experiment.

Prof. Hosamani, an assistant professor of biotechnology in UAS-D, and Prof. Siddapureddy, associate professor from IIT-Dharwad, were in the United States of America between June 2 and 11.

"We personally handed over the seeds in dry form to the integration team at the Kennedy Space Centre-NASA," Prof. Hosamani told *The Hindu*.

Sprouting in space

In the experiment, Mr. Shukla will add water to these seeds, which are likely to begin sprouting within two to four days. The sprouts will then be frozen on the space station until they return to earth. Upon their return, officials would assess the sprouting rate (germination) of seeds, evaluate their nutritional quality, analyse changes in phytohormone dynamics, and study the sprout transcriptome response to space conditions. This apart, they plan to investigate microbial growth in the space sprout, Prof. Hosamani said.

This research is aimed at contributing towards the development of India-centric salad vegetables for astronaut nourishment in space as a plant-based food production system is crucial for supporting long-term human space exploration.

"While salad crops like lettuce, tomato, radish, cabbage, carrot, and onion are considered ideal for supplementing the crew's diet in space, the cultivation of mature plants in space required complex controlled environments. In contrast, sprouting salad seeds in space can be achieved with a simple container and a manual water injection system, without the need for light and other electronics," he said.

The investigators believe that considering the high cost involved in sending food to the ISS, growing two fresh vegetables onboard spacecraft or on extraplanetary surfaces could be an ideal solution for supplementing crew diets.

IAF hands over radar simulator

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has handed over to the Indian Coast Guard 'RADSIM', an indigenously developed radar simulator by the Software Development Institute (SDI) Air Force, Bengaluru.

RADSIM is a high-fidelity simulation system designed to replicate realistic radar and air traffic control (ATC) environments. It will be used for advanced training of radar and ATC controllers, enhancing operational readiness in complex airspace and maritime scenarios.

RADSIM enables immersive training through simulation of radar behavior and ATC operations under varied conditions.

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Date: 20-06-2025

CORRIGENDUM

Please read the above Tender notice as **Short Term Tender Notification.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
PRE Division Koppal

High Court declines to quash abetment to suicide charge against man

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has refused to quash a criminal case against a 28-year-old man, who is facing the charge of allegedly abetting his classmate and live-in partner to commit suicide by extorting lakhs of rupees from her by blackmailing her using nude photos and videos.

Declining to accept the contention of the accused man that his alleged words like "go and die" and "do whatever you want" cannot be treated as abetment of suicide as has been held by the Supreme Court in various judgements, the High Court said that "the plea that this is a case of mere scorned affection or a casual taunt cannot be countenanced when placed against the backdrop of deliberate humiliation and alleged extortion."

Young life lost

"The nuances and textures of this tragic narrative must be unfolded in a full-blown trial. It cannot be forgotten that a young life has been extinguished in a manner that raises grave concern. It is for the trial court to examine the depth of betrayal, the extent of coercion, and the veracity of the claims," observed Justice M. Nagaprasanna while dismissing the petition filed by Varun G.A. of Mandya district.

The petitioner and the women were classmates during their engineering course and later they were in a live-in relationship for about three years when she was working in a company in Bengaluru.

Huge losses

It was alleged by the woman's father that she had given the accused about ₹51 lakh, of which about ₹40 lakh was taken from her parents, said to be for investing in the stock market and had suffered huge losses.

During the investigation, the police recovered a number of nude photos and videos of the victim from the mobile phone and laptop of the accused and these were from the time when they were in the live-in relationship.

If the allegation of blackmail is proved, it can undoubtedly become abetment to suicide, the High Court said, while pointing out that it cannot step into the shoes of the trial court to assess the digital evidence, like the contents of the phones, the forensic science laboratory reports, and the testimonies recorded.

Government of Karnataka
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER RURAL DEVELOPMENT PANCHAYAT RAJ ENGINEERING PROJECT DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/RDPRE/PD/KLB/KKRDB /TS/TND/2025-26/185 Date : 25/06/2025

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TWO COVER SYSTEM)

1) Name of work & Indent number: 1. Improvements to Road & Bridge from Belagumpa Road to Syed Peer Shah Khadri Darga in Chittapur Taluka Kalaburagi District Under CM Special Grant 2023-24. **KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT-219(CALL-2)**, 2. Improvements to Road From Approach Road to Satnoor Village in Chittapur Taluka Kalaburagi District Under KKRDB 2022-23 Micro. **KRRDA/2025-26/RD/WORK_INDENT-234**, 2) Head of account : CM Special Grant for 2023-24 & KKRDB 2022-23 Micro, 3) Amount put to tender : Indent No-219 : Rs. **1,68,33,894.72,** Indent No-234 : Rs. **81,07,163.54,** 4) Class of Contractor: As mentioned in E-procurement, 5) Tender Form Fee : As per E-Procurement Norms, 6) E.M.D. Fee: As per E-procurement, 7) Receipt of completed tender documents: **25-06-2025 to 04-07-2025 upto 17.00 Hours,** 8) Technical Bid Opening Date: **05-07-2025 After 17.01 Hours,** 9) Financial Bid opening Date: **07-07-2025 After 11.00 pm,** 10) For more details contact: Office of the Executive Engineer, R.D. P.R.E. Project Division Rajapur Road Kalaburagi, E-mail : kn-gul-1@pmgsy.nic.in, 11) Website Address : **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR/Kalaburagi/255/KSMC&A/2025-26 **R.D. P.R.E. Project Division Kalaburagi**

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No:HFWD/EW/CE/TA-3/AE-6/TND/2025-26/1047 Date:26.06.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender is invited from eligible contractors registered in KPWD in Two Tender document system in Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform for the following works.

Sl. No.	Description of work	Approximate Estimate cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs.in Lakhs)	Stipulated period for Completion (including monsoon)
1	Construction of Nursing Hostel at Sedam in Kalaburagi District.	998.00	15.00	11 Months
2	Construction of Nursing and Paramedical College at Sedam in Kalaburagi District	995.00	15.00	11 Months

Calendar of Events: (1) Last date for receipt of tenders: **28.07.2025 up to 16.00 hrs. (2)** Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids): **29.07.2025 at 16.00 hrs.** The tender details can be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform **(www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in).** Tenders shall be submitted electronically at **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested eligible contractors shall register on the KPP Portal Platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE: 1. All the rights are reserved by the undersigned for postponement or cancellation of entire tender process, rejection of bids /individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. 2. Henceforth, any changes in the schedule/contents will not be published through newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Platform.

Sd/- Chief Engineer, H&FWD, Engineering Wing, Bengaluru

Government of Odisha
Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities

No. SSEPD-DA5-SCH-0013-2024-6877 /SSEPD, Dt. 24.06.2025

Cancellation of Expression of Interest for empanelment of Agency for supply of readymade aids / appliances under BBSA Scheme of SSEPD Department

Tender Notice along-with Expression of Interest (EoI) was invited in this Department Notice No-9724/SSEPD, dated 25.11.2024 from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) / OEM authorized venders for empanelment of Firms for supply of readymade items of Aids / Appliances under BBSA Scheme of SSEPD Department which was floated in the State e-tender Website, **"http:/www.tendersodisha.gov.in"**, in 2 local Odia daily and 2 National English daily newspapers the last date of which was **18.12.2024 (05.00 PM).**

Since, the Tender Notice along-with Expression of Interest (EoI) suffers from fundamental flaws, the same is hereby withdrawn as infructuous.

Director, SSEPD
SSEPD Department

gg-10 : OIPR-46001/11/0050/2526

TAMIL NADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

Notice Inviting e-tender, www.tnpcb.gov.in

Tenders are invited from eligible and experienced contractors in Two Cover Bids under online e-tendering system for: **"Execution of Interim Remediation at the Chrome Contaminated Site at M/s Tamil Nadu Chromates & Chemicals Limited (TCCL), Ranipet, Tamil Nadu."**

The notification along with the details of the tender document is available for download on the website of TNPCB at **www.tnpcb.gov.in** and **www.tntenders.gov.in**

The completed tender document shall be received only through www.tntenders.gov.in. The interested eligible bidders/contractors may contact the undersigned on email or telephonically for any query.

Tender Ref. No	Description	EMD	Tender Fee
TNPCB/ TCCL/2025	Request for Proposal (RFP) for Execution of Interim Remediation at the Chrome Contaminated site at M/s TCCL, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu.	Rs. 10,00,000	Rs. 10,000

Tender document issuance			Pre-bid meeting	Bids		
	From	To			Last date for Submission	Opening of bid
Date	28.06.2025	18.07.2025	07.07.2025	Date	18.07.2025	18.07.2025
Time	10.00 AM	11.00 AM	03.30 PM	Time	11.00 AM	11.30 AM

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Further amendments if any, shall be published at **www.tntenders.gov.in & www.tnpcb.gov.in.**

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DIPR/3300/Tender/2025

Three, including bank officer, held for Vijayapura robbery

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

The Vijayapura police have arrested three people on the charge of looting a Canara Bank branch in Managuli.

Superintendent of Police Laxman Nimbargi told reporters in Vijayapura on Thursday that 41-year-old Vijayakumar Mohanarav Miriyala, senior manager, Canara Bank, his accomplices 38-year-old Chandrashekar Kotilingam Nerella, and 40-year-old Sunil Narrasimhalu Moka, all from Hubballi, are the arrested people.

Gold jewellery and gold bars worth ₹10.75 crore and two cars used for the offence have been recovered from them. A search for the remaining accused and the stolen items is on.

The accused placed some material to divert the attention of the police in the bank branch. But the investigation teams solved it by following a diligent procedure, he said.

According to Mr. Nimbargi, the accused carried out the robbery after detailed planning and reconnaissance by repeatedly watching English and Hindi heist movies on OTT platforms. All wore masks and helmets. They used two-wheelers to run around town and later, took the two-wheelers away in a lorry to cover their tracks. The accused read newspapers to learn about bank theft and robbery in various States. They kept a black-clothed doll and threw vermilion and camphor in the branch, only to divert the attention of the police. They wanted to create suspicion that the accused were from another State. They threw pepper powder around to divert the dog squad and used gloves not to leave fingerprints, he said.

After the theft, they got the jewellery melted into blocks, he said.

The prime accused, Miriyala, had served as the manager of the Managuli branch for a few years. He got transferred on May 9. Before being transferred, he had given the keys to the bank and the safe deposit lockers to his associates who got duplicate keys made, he said.

The accused used the duplicate keys to see if they opened the locks several times. They waited for the bank manager (Miriyala) to get transferred so that the blame would not lie on him, he said.

They wanted to strike on May 23, a Friday. That day, an IPL match was scheduled between RCB and SRH. They were hoping that RCB will win and that the noise of them cutting rods will be drowned in the sound crackers. But RCB lost. So, they put off their crime to the next day, a fourth Saturday and a holiday, he said. They were well acquainted with the bank branch. They diverted all the CCTV cameras. They disabled a nearby high-mast light by cutting off the cables, he said.

CM notifies Raj Bhavan on display of national symbols

Pinarayi issues communique to Governor's office based on Cabinet finding that Constitutional protocol forbids exhibiting political and religious iconography at events graced by the Governor

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan has notified the Raj Bhavan that the Constitution mandates that it can display only national symbols at state functions attended by Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar.

Officials confirmed on Thursday that Mr. Vijayan issued a communique to the Governor's office based on Wednesday's Cabinet finding that the Constitutional protocol forbids using, displaying, or exhibiting political and religious iconography at events graced by the Governor as *de jure* head of the State.

Row over image: The Kerala Governor's office has been displaying the portrait of Bharat Mata during State functions.

However, officials said, the exact wording of the government-Raj Bhavan communication remained classified as per official protocol and custom.

The Cabinet had weighed the contentious matter in the wake of the Raj Bhavan "repeatedly using" what the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government and the Opposition United Democratic Front (UDF) described as the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh's (RSS) Hindu nationalist depiction of a saffron-flag-holding 'Bharat Mata' (Mother India) astride a lion at functions attended by Mr. Arlekar.

Varsity moves SPC

On the same day, the University of Kerala on Thursday moved the State Police Chief (SPC) against the office-bearers of the Sree Padmanabha Seva Samiti for going ahead with a function at Senate Hall on Wednesday at which an image of Bharat Mata was displayed despite the Registrar denying permission for the event.

The Governor attended the function on the invitation of the private trust. The university also reported damage to public property.

New heads for BJP State units soon: BYV

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

BJP State president B.Y. Vijayendra has stated that the central leadership will soon announce the names of new presidents for various States, including Karnataka.

Speaking to pressperson in Bengaluru on Thursday, Mr. Vijayendra denied speculations that it had not become possible to finalise the president for the Karnataka unit owing to internal tussle and that

B.Y. Vijayendra, BJP Karnataka unit president

the Central leadership had put off the process. "Very soon, the president's name would be announced," he claimed.

Pointing out that announcements had already been made in 14 States, Mr. Vijayendra said the appointment of presidents for another six to seven States, including Karnataka, would be finalised very soon. The national president of the party would be named after this process is completed, he added.

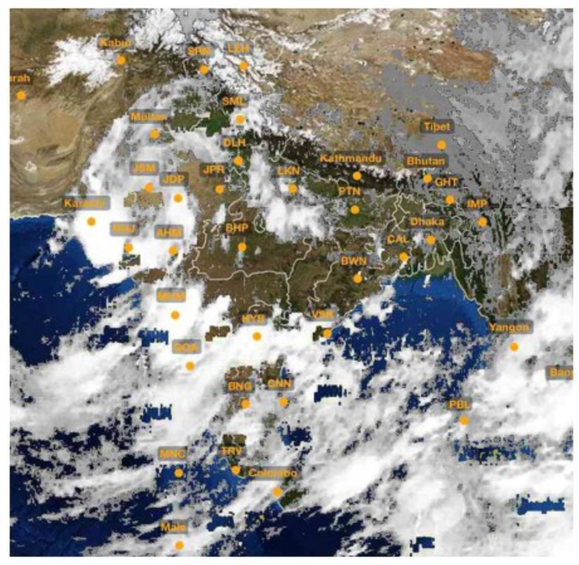
Confident

Hinting that he was confident of getting another term at the top post, Mr. Vijayendra said: "I have worked effectively in building the party organisation in the last one-and-a-half years. Our party workers and leaders too feel the same."

He did not agree with veteran leader D.V. Sadananda Gowda's remarks that the condition of the BJP State unit was like the proverbial "embers covered under ashes." He said it is natural to have minor differences and he would meet Mr. Gowda to discuss his statement on Friday.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



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Forecast for Friday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Gujarat, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Delhi, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Konkan & Goa, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	33.6	27.1	Kozhikode	13	27.9	25.0
Ahmedabad	47	32.8	25.3	Kurnool	6	34.3	26.2
Aizawl	16.7	30.4	21.9	Lucknow	0.6	37.4	27.4
Allahabad	1	35.5	27.4	Madurai	—	38.0	28.1
Bengaluru	—	28.4	21.0	Mangaluru	12	28.9	25.5
Bhopal	35	29.6	24.4	Mumbai	2	30.7	27.9
Bhubaneswar	0.1	33.2	25.4	Mysuru	—	27.2	22.2
Chandigarh	2	36.6	26.8	New Delhi	—	38.0	28.6
Chennai	—	36.0	28.9	Patna	—	35.0	28.2
Coimbatore	—	31.6	22.6	Port Blair	—	30.5	26.2
Dehradun	6	35.0	25.0	Puducherry	—	35.8	26.9
Gangtok	30	22.0	18.3	Pune	—	31.3	25.6
Goa	15	30.5	25.0	Raipur	1.8	29.4	24.3
Guwahati	—	35.5	27.6	Ranchi	23	28.6	22.7
Hubballi	—	28.0	22.0	Shillong	0.1	25.8	18.6
Hyderabad	—	31.5	24.0	Shimla	4	26.6	20.0
Imphal	—	31.5	23.9	Srinagar	7	32.3	23.6
Jaipur	0.1	34.4	27.2	Thiruvananthapuram	10	28.4	25.9
Kochi	74	26.6	23.6	Tiruchi	—	37.7	27.6
Kohima	1	23.0	19.4	Vijayawada	5	32.4	25.0
Kolkata	3	32.8	27.6	Visakhapatnam	43	30.4	25.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	7	29	72	56	65	
Bengaluru	12	3	20	41	150	
Chennai	5	13	31	38	112	
Delhi	11	41	48	107	138	
Hyderabad	—	14	38	93	106	
Kolkata	10	38	23	26	24	
Lucknow	8	40	73	42	59	
Mumbai	24	49	20	62	76	
Pune	12	29	24	83	82	
Visakhapatnam	28	75	30	56	62	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bundi, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 318 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 12

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
Bengaluru , the 24th June, 2025

S.O. 2793(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 37(A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (Act no. 24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railways (South Western Railway, Construction Organization, Bengaluru Cantonment) hereby notifies the project, as "Special Railway Project" mentioned in the table below, in the State of Karnataka for providing National Infrastructure for a Public Purpose with effect from date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

SN	Name of the Project	Village	Taluk	District
1	Upgradation/Development of Vande Bharath Maintenance Depot at Thanisandra	Thanisandra	Bengaluru East	Bengaluru

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

For details log on : https://egazette.gov.in

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
NOTIFICATION
Bengaluru , the 23rd June, 2025

S.O. 2776(E) - In exercise of the powers conferred by clause 37(A) of Section 2 of the Railways Act, 1989 (Act no. 24 of 1989) the Ministry of Railways (South Western Railway, Construction Organisation, Bengaluru Cant.) hereby notifies that the project, mentioned in the table below is declared as "Special Railway Project" in the State of Karnataka for providing National Infrastructure for a Public Purpose with effect from date of publication of the notification in the Official Gazette.

SN	Name of the Project	Village	Taluk	District
1	Chikjajur: Construction of New - Bypass line at Chikjajur (JRU) connecting Hubli (UBL) line and Rayadurg (RDG) Line	Chikjajur	Holalkere	Chitradurga

No. W.271/CN/BNC/2025-26/Land SRP/1727

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Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

(A Govt. of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACCU2250P1ZZ; CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425

Tender Ref. No.: GEM/2025/B/6383651 **Date: 25-06-2025**

Tender Notice Invitation

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/Importer/Authorized Agent for supply of **Infant Warmer.** The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

S.N.	Activity	Date & Time
1	Tender Reference No.	GEM/2025/B/6383651
2	Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	25-06-2025
3	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	02/07/2025 at 4:00 PM in UPMSCL Office, SUDA Bhawan, Lucknow
4	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	05/07/2025 upto 18:00 PM.
5	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	05/07/2025 at 18:30 PM
6	Date of Completion of Examination of Technical Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
7	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
8	Date of Completion of Examination of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmsc.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director,
UPMSCL

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

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Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), Southern Railway, Madurai-625016 for and behalf of The President of India invites Online tenders in two packet system from reputed contractors for the following works as per tender notice given in Government e-Marketing place (GeM) portal. The tenderer(s)/Contractor(s) to apply for works in Madurai Division, need to get enrolled **in the GeM Portal and only online tenders will be accepted.**

Sl. No	Name of work	Hiring of lorry / truck for transportation of ICF & LHB bogies from various depots of MDU Division to GOC Workshop (or) Carriage works / PER for a period of three years.			
1	GeM Bid No	Place of work	Value of the work (₹)	EMD (₹)	Tender closing date
	GEM / 2025 / B / 6357074 Dated: 25.06.2025	Various C&W Depots of MDU Division	5,62,41,058 /- (including GST @ 5%)	4,31,210	11.00 Hrs on 16.07.2025

Note: It is the responsibility of the tenderers to check any Corrigendum is issued for any correction; deletion or modifications uploaded subsequently in the website and the same shall be taken into account while uploading the tender. For further details please visit website at **"http://www.gem.gov.in".**

Sr. DME /MDU

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION

E-Tender Notice No. E/CN/ERS/TN/02/2025-26 Dated 24.06.2025

For and on behalf of The President of India, The Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway, Ernakulam Junction-682016 Invites E-tenders for the work mentioned below as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in.** The tenderer / Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security should be paid through online payment gateway available on the website by the way of multiple banks net banking, debit and credit card.

Item No.	Tender No.	Name of work
1	E.320/CN/ERS/OT/ OHE-52M	Removal of infringing Over Head Equipment Structure / Masts along with OHE Accessories between Ernakulam Junction - Turavur section, Supply, Erection, Testing and commissioning of new OHE works along with OHE modification at Kumbalam yard & Turavur yard as a part of doubling work and Profiling / Modification work on existing Over Head Equipments at proposed / Re-constructed Road Over Bridges / Foot Over Bridges, OHE arrangements on River bridges between Ernakulam Junction and Turavur section, in connection with doubling of track between Ernakulam - Kayankulam section via Alappuzha of Thiruvananthapuram Division of Southern Railway

Sl No	Tender No.	Approx. Cash value in Lakhs (₹)	Bid Security (₹)	Date of Opening of tender	Completion period in months
1	E.320/CN/ERS/OT /OHE-52M	521.133	4,10,600.00	18.07.2025	18 Months

Tenderers can submit Bid security in the form of bank guarantee also.

For further details visit internet site **www.ireps.gov.in** or contact office of Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer, Construction, Southern Railway Ernakulam Junction - 682 016.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer
Construction, Ernakulam Junction

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

NIT No: 11-2025-26-CWJU, **Name of work, location & Period:** Arrangement of Quick watering System at BGKT over JU Division, 180 days, **Approx. cost of the work:** Rs 4,15,43,695.92, **Earnest money to be deposited:** Rs. 3,57,700/-, **Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** On 14.07.2025 till 15.00 hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS, Tender will be opened soon after, **website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen etc.:** http://www.ireps.in, Sr Section Engineer (C&W) NWR, Jodhpur's notice board. **NOTE:** The offer can only be accepted through E-Tendering on the website of https://www.ireps.gov.in/. Offer in any other form will not be accepted. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be register on IREPS portal. Only registered fenderer/ bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tendering.

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Labour Resources Department

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CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Letter No.: BSDM / Foreign Language Training/93/2025-01

REP Name: RFP for Empanelment of Agency for Providing Foreign Language Training at Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM) vide Ref No. BSDM / Foreign Language Training/93/2025-01 Dated 03.06.2025 published in papers vide PR No. 005195(LRD) 25-26

In view of requests received and for greater participation certain modifications/amendments in some of the provisions of above RFP is made as below:

1. **Extension of last date of submission**: The last date and time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid on the website "https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in" is extended from 25.06.2025 (15:00 Hrs.) to 30.06.2025 (15:00 Hrs.). Technical Bid will be opened on or after 30.06.2025 post 16:00 Hrs.

The other terms and conditions of the RFP document will remain the same. Please refer the RFP document for other details.

The bidders are strongly recommended to go through in detail the (i) RFP and (ii)Corrigendum, available on websites viz (i) https:eproc2.bihar.gov.in and on (ii) https:skillmissionbihar.org, while preparing their bids.

This Corrigendum document" has also been uploaded in the Tender section of above websites.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

Mission Director
Bihar Skill Development Mission

PR- 007207 (Labour) 2025-26

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: **(i)Sri.R.VENKATESH** S/o Sri.C.Raghu and his sister **Smt.R.LAKSHMI,** residing at: No.336, 'Beladingalu', 25th Cross, 14th Main, Banashankari 2nd stage, Bangalore-560070; and **(ii) M/s.RENAISSANCE HOLDINGS & DEVELOPERS Pvt Ltd.,** having its registered office at: No.50, 'Renaissance Landmark', 17th Cross, 8th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.

Apart from the said owners, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **14 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal Nos.46 (PID No.51-12-46), 46/2 (PID No.51-12-46/2), 46/3 (PID No.51-12-46/3) and 46/4 (PID No.51-12-46/4), measuring East to West (56½ ft + 57ft)/2 and North to South 100ft, in all measuring 5675 Sq.ft, together with a commercial building thereon comprised of Basement, Ground plus Three upper floors, situated at Subbarama Chetty Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Private property
West by : Private property
North by : Property No.46/1 (Item No.2 property)
South by : Subbarama Chetty Road.

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.46/1, PID No.51-12-46/1, measuring East to West (56½ ft + 57ft)/2 and North to South 20ft, in all measuring 1135 Sq.ft., together with a building thereon, situated at Subbarama Chetty Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Private property
West by : Private property
North by : Conservancy
South by : Property bearing Nos.46, 46/2, 46/3 & 46/4 (Item No.1 property).

Sd/- **S.F. GOUTAM CHAND**, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
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Government of Jharkhand

Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department

(Disaster Management Division)
T.A. Division Building, Near Golchakar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Pin Code-834004

Expression of Interest (Request for Proposal)
(PR No-353889)

HIRING SERVICES OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT FIRM FOR STATUTORY AUDIT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR - 2010-11 TO FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-26

In accordance to the suggestions received from the representative of the firms present at pre bid meeting held on 25.06.2025 the following sections of RFP are revised as follows:

Prior Point	Decision taken in pre bid meeting
Section III-Eligibility Criteria: II. A sum of Rs. 5000.00 (five thousand) only as tender fee (Non Refundable) in shape of DD issued by any scheduled Bank in favour of Calamity Relief Fund, Bank of India, FFP Building HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.	II. A sum of Rs. 1000.00 (+ GST) only as tender fee (Non Refundable) in shape of DD issued by any scheduled Bank in favour of Calamity Relief Fund, Bank of India, FFP Bui lding HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
Section V The remuneration which the Auditor receives from the contract will be subject to normal tax liability as per Tax Laws. The Auditors are required to quote their rates considering these aspect and rates are quoted inclusive of all taxes all complete job.	The Auditor will receive an amount of 15000/- (+ GST) per year as remuneration and it will be subject to normal tax liability as per Tax Laws. The Auditors are required to quote their rates considering these aspect and rates are quoted inclusive of all taxes all complete job.

Joint Secretary
Home, Prison and Disaster Management Department
(Disaster Management Division)
Jharkhand, Ranchi

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The under mentioned person/s are hereby informed that they have failed to pay off the liability in the loan accounts. They are therefore requested to pay off the liability and other charges and redeem the pledged securities on or before 03.07.2025 failing which the said securities will be sold by the Bank in public/ Offline auction at the cost of the borrower at the **Bank of Baroda, Sahakarnagar Branch** premises at **11.30 A.M. on 04.07.2025** or on any other convenient date thereafter without further notice at the absolute discretion of the bank.

Customer Name & Address	Account No.	Item	Gross Weight	Net Weight	Outstanding Balance
Kiran Kumar VR and **M/s PHOTLLIKA PRODUCTION Proprietor: Mr Kiran Kumar VR** S/o Ravindra Nath V C, No. 950, Ground Floor, 13th Main, 16th Cross,D Block,Sahakar Nagar, Bangalore - 560092 Also at: No 147/B,39th Cross,26th Main, Jayanagar,9th Block,Bangalore-560069 Also at: No 1438,S1 Unnati Pratham B Block, Near Railway Parallel Road,Sahakarnagar, Bangalore - 560092	**Loan Account number: 51170600002766 and 51170600002767 and 51170600003310**	01 Chain	16.00 gm	14.40 gm	**51170600002767: Rs 180000+ Unapplied int. 51170600002766: Rs 92000+ Unapplied int. 51170600003310: Rs 347154+ Unapplied int.**
		01 Kada	24.60 gm	22.10 gm	
		02 Rings	9.20 gm	8.20 gm	
		01 Chain	25.40 gm	22.80 gm	

Date :26.06.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager
Bank of Baroda

Strategic misfire

Israel must be reined in for peace and stability in West Asia

The 12-day war between Iran and Israel ended with a tense ceasefire. Israel claims that it has set back Iran's nuclear programme by years in a 'historic victory'. But the reality appears to be more complex. Iran has suffered enormous damage – its key nuclear facilities were attacked, much of its top chain command was eliminated, and its air defences proved virtually ineffective. More than 600 people, mostly civilians, were killed. It will take years, if not decades, for Iran to rebuild what it has lost. Yet, victories and defeats in wars are not measured by material losses alone. Despite the losses and a clear power imbalance, Tehran has refused to capitulate. Its government recovered swiftly from the initial shock of June 13, and its sustained retaliatory campaign of ballistic missile and drone attacks exposed vulnerabilities in Israel's vaunted multilayered air defence system; there were deaths. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who claimed early that his campaign could lead to regime change in Iran, was eventually forced to accept a ceasefire, after the U.S. struck Iran's nuclear plants. U.S. President Donald Trump, who had demanded Tehran's "unconditional surrender", announced de-escalation after Iran carried out a symbolic strike on American bases in Qatar and Iraq on Monday night.

The war could have far-reaching implications for the regional order. Iran has reasserted itself as a counterbalance to Israel in an otherwise unipolar West Asia. Tehran is likely to rebuild its conventional arsenal, bolster relationships with Russia and China and reset ties in the region. On the other side, Israel's over-reliance on the U.S. was again laid bare when faced with major conventional challenges. When it launched the war, it knew that it would not be able to destroy Iran's nuclear facilities on its own. The U.S., which was participating in the defence of Israel by intercepting Iranian projectiles, joined in, giving Tel Aviv an exit strategy. But the U.S., which has burnt its fingers in Afghanistan, Iraq and Libya, did not want to get entangled in another forever war. This left Mr. Netanyahu with no other option but to accept a ceasefire with the regime he wanted to overthrow. U.S. intelligence agencies assess that the Iranian nuclear programme has been set back by only a few months. In effect, the war failed to deliver its objective and has brought the situation full circle: the urgent need for a diplomatic solution. For diplomacy to succeed, the U.S. must engage in serious talks with credible promises of economic benefits for Iran in return for accepting long-term, verifiable limits on its nuclear programme. Second, Washington must rein in Israel. As long as its closest ally continues to bomb its enemies with impunity, order and stability will remain out of reach for West Asia.

Vaccinating India

The prevalence of zero-dose children remains high among the poor

On the bright side, vaccine coverage globally, between 1980 and 2023, doubled for six diseases including measles, polio and tuberculosis. Also, at 75% globally, there has been a sharp fall in the number of zero-dose children – those who have not received the first dose of the diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (DTP) vaccine – during the same time period. The number of zero-dose children is a crucial performance marker and an indicator of vaccination coverage inequities. Despite increased immunisation coverage over the decades, in 2023, at 1.44 million, India, according to *The Lancet*, still had the second largest number of zero-dose children, and is among the eight countries with over 50% of the nearly 16 million zero-dose children globally. Most of the zero-dose children globally are in countries that are conflict-affected or with limited resources for vaccination programmes – India has neither of the two problems. However, about 23 million babies were born in 2023 in India, the highest in the world; in 2024, China, which has the second highest number of newborns globally, reported just 9.5 million newborns. Though the number of zero-dose children is staggering, when seen in the context of the number of newborns in 2023, the percentage of zero-dose children in India is 6.2%. A study in 2021 found that India had sharply reduced the percentage of zero-dose children, from 33.4% in 1992 to 10.1% in 2016. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of zero-dose children was 1.4 million in 2019 but this swelled to 2.7 million in 2021 and then dropped to 1.1 million in 2022 before increasing to 1.44 million in 2023.

As in the 2021 study, a large percentage of zero-dose children are in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Gujarat. There is also a relatively high proportion of them in Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram and Arunachal Pradesh. Over the years, the difference in zero-dose children based on gender, caste, and rural-urban status has reduced substantially. However, prevalence remains high among the poor, mothers with low education, Scheduled Tribes and Muslims. Focus is needed to immunise children in hard-to-reach tribal areas, urban slums where there is a huge migrant population, and in reducing vaccine hesitancy among Muslim households with newborn children. India has much work to do to meet WHO's Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030) – halving zero-dose children relative to 2019. With the number of zero-dose children in 2023 (1.44 million) only about nearly reaching the 2019 level of 1.4 million, India needs greater and sustained efforts to halve this number in the next five years.

The Israel-Iran ceasefire — managing the blowback

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The cessation of Israel-Iran hostilities, announced by United States President Donald Trump, sets the stage for the denouement of the horror drama that began on October 7, 2023, with Hamas launching its Operation Toofan al-Aqsa. While the fog of war and rounds of one-upmanship make the immediate foreground inexact, unless the choreographers take due care, the finale is certain to be as disruptive as the main act has been.

Over the past 21 months, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF), backed by the U.S., has scored a set of spectacular though pyrrhic military victories. In Gaza, the IDF has decimated Hamas, even as some Israeli hostages remain in Hamas captivity. Lebanon's Hezbollah, considered the world's most formidable non-state actor with an estimated 1,00,000 missiles, has been neutered with its leadership in disarray and its arsenal gone. Syria's al-Assad regime, Israel's rejectionist foe for 54 years, has been replaced by a weak Islamist government that poses no threat to Israel. Yemen's al-Houthis did manage to disrupt maritime traffic and lob missiles at Israel, but have been cowed down by the disproportionate IDF and U.S. military responses. Lastly, after 12 days of high-intensity aerial exchanges, Israel and the US claimed to have "obliterated" the nuclear option that Iran doggedly pursued for over two decades. Tehran has also suffered strategic losses of its missile force and has had targeted assassinations of its top military personnel and nuclear scientists. While single-mindedly pursuing its military options, Israel's ultra-right government has ridden roughshod over the domestic opposition and brushed aside foreign criticism and attempts at the International Criminal Court and the International Court of Justice to put it on a legal mat.

The course for Iran

'Where does West Asia go from here?' It is a difficult question to answer for several reasons. The situation, to quote Churchill, "is a riddle wrapped in a mystery inside an enigma..." The dramatic and unprecedented turn of events notwithstanding, the resultant geopolitical entropy would unfold only glacially. With the three main stakeholders all claiming victories and jostling for influence over the outcome, controlling the blowback and avoiding revanchism would be a challenge. The putative military victors, namely Israel and the U.S., would aim for a permanently favourable geopolitical architecture, while the countervailing forces, including Iran, try to turn their military stalemate into a political victory.

Setting the future course of Iran would be the biggest challenge for two reasons: First, as the most populous country in the region, it is intrinsically important. Second, as Israel's most implacable foe, it has been the region's biggest disruptor and political determinant. Despite its economy hobbled by "maximum pressure" sanctions and a devastating war, Tehran remains a regional geo-strategic pivot. While the victors may have publicly avowed their disinterest in regime change in Tehran, an unrepentant Mullah regime would signify their "unfinished agenda".

> Unless the choreographers, Iran, Israel and the U.S. take care, the finale is certain to be as disruptive as the main act

The necessity of keeping Tehran in check on its weapons of mass destruction (WMD) ambitions by continued sanctions and strict and intrusive supervision by international inspections would preoccupy the U.S., Israel and the pro-West regimes in this region. This would create an unsteady political dynamic similar to Iraq during 1991-2003 after Saddam's forces were evicted from Kuwait. Further, Tehran may become a countervailing pole to the Pax Americana in the region – a prospect anathematic to "the winner takes it all" absolutists in power in Washington and Jerusalem.

On the other hand, having a West-leaning regime in Tehran would be a profound gain. It would create a comprehensive Pax Americana in West Asia, allowing the U.S. to control the strategic region's hydrocarbon resources. Moreover, the huge pent-up Iranian demand for projects, merchandise and services can then be cornered by the American multinationals. Lastly, a friendly government would put a firm lid on the regional proxies created by Iran in the past.

The goal of a friendly regime

Therefore, installing a friendly regime in Tehran is of primordial importance for Israel and the U.S. But this mission presents a huge dilemma. Although large sections of its population are politically alienated due to corruption and the high-handedness of authorities, as well as high inflation, they would stand up against any foreign occupation and imposed government. So, boots-on-ground to effect a regime change would be counterproductive and can be ruled out. Moreover, attempts by the U.S. in the past at forced regime changes in Afghanistan and Iraq were costly and messy failures.

Iran is a large country with a deeply entrenched current government structure. Though some exiled Iranian groups, such as Pahlavi Royalists and Mujahedin al-Khalq exist, their local support is highly uncertain, making an externally sponsored takeover unlikely. There is also a danger that destabilisation of the current regime could unleash centrifugal forces among various ethnic minorities such as Kurds, Azeris, Arabs and Sunnis, who constitute nearly 40% of the population. This would create a Libya, Sudan and Somalia type of anarchy, which is in no one's interest.

Hence, the best possible scenario for the Americans is to glacially reorient the current regime. This would be a challenge as the radicals supported by the Republic Guards currently control the parliament and clergy, with the Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei, favouring them. Therefore, pressure to being applied to get the 86-year-old Khamenei, at the helm for 36 years, to either discreetly abandon WMD ambitions or relinquish power and be replaced by a pro-West moderate. While the hardliners in power may resist a change at the top at this critical juncture, their policies have not worked.

The two front-runners in the contest – to be decided by the Guardian Council – are likely to be the Supreme Leader's son, Mojtaba Khamenei and the grandson Hassan Khomeini of Ayatollah Khomeini, the founder of the Islamic Republic. They are both in their fifties. While Khamenei junior has continuity of lineage and policies, Hassan Khomeini is bereft of any such baggage. As the only transition at the Supreme Leader level was 35 years ago, this is largely uncharted territory, but with serious implications for the country and the region.

The Gaza situation

The second issue awaiting resolution is the Israel-Palestine dispute, which the recent events have made even more convoluted. The just concluded war with Iran would allow the IDF to refocus on the Gaza situation, where mass starvation competes with the high death toll of civilians every day due to Israeli fire. It is a desperate situation. The occupied West Bank is facing a deteriorating situation due to Jewish settlers on the rampage and the long-suspended transition of the Palestine Authority under President Mohammed Abbas, who is close to 90. A post-conflict euphoria may allow Mr. Trump to refloat his bizarre idea of mass deportation of Gazans to build an "international riviera." While the war-numbed Gazans are desperate for survival, it is still difficult to see this as a part of the solution.

The end of the war would finally allow Israeli society greater normalcy, permitting an objective and rational analysis of its recent extraordinary experiences. The clamour for the early release of remaining hostages is likely to intensify, and the governance and intelligence failings of the current regime may come under harsh spotlight. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's suspended trial on corruption charges may resume. The economic and social costs of the war may haunt Israel for a long time, giving it a reality check. Israel's post-war recovery and political reset towards moderation would be pivotal for the expansion of the Abraham Accords.

After this apocalyptic conflict, the West Asian region yearns for peace and stability. If the three main actors, *viz.*, Iran, Israel and the U.S. avoid triumphalism and transit instead to moderation and nation-building, this aspiration can be realised. The region and the world would benefit from lower oil prices, smoother logistics and reduced radicalisation and terrorism. Otherwise, the region would go back to business as usual: cyclicity of the conflicts punctuated by an interregnum of tense peace.

Fathoming America's plan to manage AI proliferation

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The announcement by the United States of the rescission of its Framework for AI Diffusion, a set of export controls for Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology announced earlier this year, has been viewed as a good thing. The Framework was considered counterproductive to AI technology development and diplomatic relations. However, recent developments suggest that controls on AI are likely to persist, albeit in different forms.

A flawed blueprint

Earlier this year, during the final week of its tenure, the Joe Biden administration announced the AI Diffusion Framework. Combining export controls and export licences for AI chips and model weights, it effectively viewed AI like nuclear weapons. Under the proposed framework, countries such as China and Russia were embargoed, trusted allies were favoured, and others restricted in their access to advanced AI technology. The rationale for these rules was that computational power dictates AI capabilities: the greater the compute, the better the AI. In the last decade, the compute used in advanced AI models has nearly doubled every 10 months. Following this logic, for the U.S. to preserve its lead, it needed to prevent adversaries from acquiring powerful compute while ensuring that AI development stays within the U.S. and its close allies.

While export controls on AI hardware predated the framework, they were not sweeping. The Framework aimed to tighten these controls and establish a predictable system to streamline regulatory processes and standardise conditions. However, imposing such sweeping restrictions, affecting adversaries and partners alike, brought many unintended effects, proving counterproductive.

The framework set a concerning precedent for technology cooperation with the U.S., especially for its allies. It signalled U.S. willingness to dictate how other nations conducted their affairs, incentivising them to hedge against U.S. actions. Consequently, U.S. allies had reasons to invest in alternatives to the U.S. ecosystem, pursuing their own strategic autonomy and technological sovereignty.

> The rescission of the AI Diffusion Framework appears to be more a change in tactics than a fundamental shift in strategy

Additionally, the framework would treat AI, a civilian technology with military applications, as if it were a military technology with civilian uses. Unlike nuclear technology, AI innovation is inherently civilian in its origins and international in scope. Confining the development geographically within the U.S. could prove counterproductive.

Finally, the system created an enduring incentive for the global scientific ecosystem to develop pathways to circumvent the need for powerful compute to make powerful AI, thereby undermining the very lever that the U.S. sought to employ. China's DeepSeek R1 exemplifies this. Years of export controls spurred algorithmic and architectural breakthroughs, enabling DeepSeek to rival the best AI models from the U.S. with a fraction of the compute. Such trends can make export controls on AI chips an ineffective policy instrument.

It is for these reasons that the Trump administration revoked the AI Diffusion Framework. This is welcome news for India, which was not favourably placed under the framework. However, the underlying U.S. thinking and approach towards AI diffusion will likely persist, manifesting in other forms. The AI technology race is still on, and the U.S. intent to restrict Chinese access to AI chips still endures.

The possible replacement

Notwithstanding the rescinded Framework, the current U.S. administration has taken firm steps toward further preventing Chinese access to AI chips. For instance, in March 2025, the administration expanded the scope of the existing export controls and added several companies to its entity list (blacklist). It has also released several new guidelines to strengthen the enforcement of these controls.

New provisions are reportedly under consideration, such as on-chip features to monitor and restrict the usage of AI chips. These could include rules at the hardware level limiting chip functionality or restricting certain use cases. Recently, U.S. lawmakers introduced new legislation mandating built-in location tracking for AI chips to prevent their illicit diversion into China, Russia and other countries of concern. In effect, these measures seek to enforce the goals of the AI diffusion framework technologically rather than through trade restrictions.

The related concerns

Such measures are problematic in their own way. New concerns related to ownership, privacy and surveillance will proliferate. While malicious actors might be sufficiently motivated to circumvent these controls, legitimate and beneficial use by others could be inadvertently discouraged. Such developments undermine user autonomy and lead to trust deficits. Just like the old framework, this will lead to concerns about losing strategic autonomy for any nation buying AI chips. Yet again, both adversaries and allies will feel compelled to hedge against their reliance on the U.S. AI ecosystem and invest in alternatives.

The rescission of the AI Diffusion Framework represents a notable policy reversal. Yet, it appears to be more a change in tactics than a fundamental shift in the U.S. strategy to manage AI proliferation. Should these technologically-driven control measures gain traction in U.S. policy discourse and be implemented, they risk replicating the negative consequences of the original AI Diffusion Framework. Ultimately, should this path be pursued, it would indicate that the crucial lessons from the Framework and its eventual withdrawal have not been fully assimilated, potentially jeopardising the very U.S. leadership in AI it ostensibly seeks to protect.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Conflict and aftermath

The Iran-Israel conflict has virtually left the nuclear non-proliferation treaty in tatters. Meanwhile, a well-scripted agenda of genocide continues in Gaza. It is another matter that the Ukraine war — which U.S. Preisident Trump had famously promised to end in "24 hours" upon taking office — has been relegated to the background.

C.G. Kuriakose,
Kothamangalam, Kerala

The direct involvement of the U.S. in the conflict is an indication that the U.S. is trying to reassert its supremacy through intimidation. Iran cannot be underestimated, as it too has friends. U.S. President Donald Trump should concentrate more on the state of America's economy.

Govardhana Myneedu,
Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

Software testing

I wish to highlight a critical shift in software testing in the IT industry. As demand for efficient, scalable solutions grows, automation testing is becoming essential. The future of software quality assurance lies in automation, which offers faster, error-free testing, especially for tasks such as validating chatbots with numerous queries. Firms must invest in upskilling staff in automation tools and coding to drive productivity and innovation. By embracing this shift, businesses can improve testing efficiency and empower staff to meet the challenges of the tech industry.

Vivek M. Jain,
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Is voter registration being subject to fraud?

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Beginning with the Maharashtra Assembly elections last year, Opposition parties have made many allegations regarding manipulations in electoral rolls. The Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, and others have raised the matter both inside and outside Parliament. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has maintained that it is impossible to tamper with voter rolls. Two days ago, it issued instructions for holding Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar for the Assembly elections to ensure that the names of all eligible citizens are included, the name of no ineligible citizens are included, and to introduce complete transparency in the process of addition or deletion of electors in the electoral rolls. Is voter registration being subject to fraud? Praveen Chakravarty and Rangarajan R. discuss the question in a conversation moderated by **Sreeparna Chakrabarty**. Edited excerpts:

Mr. Chakravarty, let's start with you. You have studied and written on the Maharashtra Assembly elections extensively. What are your major concerns?

Praveen Chakravarty: The main issue that the Congress and the Leader of the Opposition, Rahul Gandhi, have raised about the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections is that there was an abnormal, sudden, and almost unexplainable increase in the number of electors. It was a statistical outlier, an anomaly.

The Maharashtra Assembly elections were held just six months after the Lok Sabha polls. A group of people voted in Maharashtra for the Lok Sabha elections. Six months later, while there may be some more people voting during the Assembly elections, you don't expect the number to rise in an alarming way. But that is exactly what we found. There was an increase of more than 40 lakh voters in just those months. It is not the number 40 lakh in absolute terms that is significant. In the previous five years, the total number of new voters added in Maharashtra was only 32 lakh. So is this new increase logical?

Under what conditions do new voters register? When the ECI adds voters, 80-90% of them are either those turning 18 or adults who had not enroled before. Did lakhs and lakhs of people in Maharashtra suddenly turn 18 or decide to become new voters in just five months while they were not to be found in the previous five years? Who are these new voters? Where did they come from? How did they enrol? What documents were checked? Were they verified?

Rangarajan R.: As far as the electoral rolls are concerned, I agree that there may be some issues. But to say that the entire voter registration process could be fudged and could be manipulated to a large extent is stretching it a bit far. *The Hindu* data team published an article about this sudden spurt after the Lok Sabha elections and before the Assembly elections in 2024. They found that during 2004, there were 30 lakh new voters added in a period of five months. In 2009, between April and October, 30 lakh voters were added. In 2014, between April and October, 27 lakh voters were added. Between April and November 2024, 40 lakh voters were added.

Voters wait to cast their vote during the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections, in Akola. ANI

One reason why there could have been a sudden spurt is that the cut-off date for enroling, which was earlier January 1 of every year, has been made quarterly. So that could have played a small and important role in the increase. I am not claiming that the electoral rolls are absolutely fine, but there are enough checks and balances. As someone who has worked in the civil services and has conducted elections, I am not for a minute saying that everything is hunky-dory and no reforms are required. There are a lot of reforms required. Aadhaar seeding has probably helped in reducing issues in databases such as PAN. There are valid concerns about seeding the Aadhaar database into the electoral rolls, but that is perhaps the way forward to ensure that there are no duplicates. Wrongful inclusions are not allowed, but the big risk is that there can be wrongful exclusions. And that is something which needs to be addressed carefully.

The ECI has said that it is nearly impossible to tamper with electoral rolls and has asked why the Congress did not use the appeals process when the final rolls were shared for the Maharashtra Assembly polls. What is your response to that, Mr. Chakravarty?

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> R. RANGARAJAN

PC: I think there is a lot of conceptual misunderstanding around this issue. I'm going to speak as a data scientist. While Mr. Rangarajan, quoting the *The Hindu* data team, rightly pointed out some figures for 2004, 2009, 2014, and 2024, what he did not mention is the context of the 40 lakh increase. All numbers have a context. Trends and not levels are important to understand big data.

In 2004, when 30 lakh voters were added in the five months between the Lok Sabha and Assembly elections, do you know how many voters were added in the previous five years? 61 lakh voters, twice. In 2009, when 30 lakh voters were added in the five months, 70 lakh voters were added in the previous five years. In 2014, when 27 lakh new voters were added in the five months, 48 lakh voters were added in the previous five years. So, the statistical anomaly that I am pointing out here is not the 40 lakh. It is the illogical and suspicious trend of more new voters in five months than in five full years.

In Maharashtra, fertility levels have been falling for the last two decades. This means that the total number of newborns would have only decreased every year. This also means that the number of people turning 18 would have decreased from 2004. The population may increase, but the number of people turning 18 would have decreased. My simple point is that it is humanly impossible for Maharashtra to produce that many more people in five months than in the previous five years.

Regarding your question about whether Congress's booth-level agents were sleeping... Let us say there is a burglary in your home. You go to the police station to file a complaint. What if the police station turned to you and said, your security guard was sleeping, so we can't do anything? The ECI has a constitutional responsibility to conduct free and fair elections in this country. If all the responsibility is outsourced to political parties, why have an independent constitutional body? But I am not denying here that the Congress's organisation should be much stronger than what it is.

RR: First, to give due credit to *The Hindu,* the data team's article does mention these increases that Mr. Chakravarty talked about. However, I agree that if there is indeed an anomaly, the failure of a party's organisational wing to check, cross-check, and file appeals cannot absolve a constitutional authority of their responsibility.

Mr. Chakravarty, you have been asking for electoral rolls to be given in machine-readable format for both the Lok Sabha and Assembly polls. You have also been demanding CCTV footage after 5 p.m. claiming that there is a surge in voter turnout after that. Could you explain these demands?

PC: We are asking for it to be in digital or machine-readable format because they (ECI) can give you these scanned images or papers and ask you (the party) to go manage it.

Regarding your second point, we are saying – and we have shown using the ECI's summary data – that there is an abnormal surge. We also know that there was some abnormal increase in voting happened after 5 p.m. Now, is it or is it not the responsibility of a constitutional body to preserve the trust and confidence of the institution by coming out and saying here is the footage? Every time we raise a question, BJP leaders are the ones responding. We never asked the BJP to respond. We're only asking the ECI.

The ECI has said that beginning with the Bihar Assembly elections later this year, there will be a SIR of electoral rolls across the country. What do you think about this?

PC: This is a tacit admission by the ECI that all is not well with the electoral rolls. Also, is this the right way to clean up the rolls? This is as good as going back and saying we are almost rendering the last 20 years of voter roll revisions defunct and we're just going to start afresh.

RR: To clean up the electoral rolls of wrongful inclusions and exclusions and ensure utmost correctness, a detailed physical exercise such as the one planned by the ECI for Bihar is required. It can still be subject to allegations of manipulation and bias in favour of the ruling party. To overcome such accusations, it must be done in a fair and transparent manner by giving wide publicity to the public at large. While it is undoubtedly the legal responsibility of the ECI, all political parties are very important stakeholders in this exercise, representing the citizenry. They should own up and participate in this exercise as much as possible to ensure a robust electoral roll.

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NOTEBOOK

Power, perception, precision: notes from covering a plane crash

As national and international reporters landed in Ahmedabad to cover the plane crash, volunteers swung into action

Abhinay Deshpande

Some assignments outlast deadlines. The recent Air India crash is one such incident. It will remain etched in my memory not only because of the scale of the tragedy – nothing prepares anyone to see an accident site of that magnitude, with so many grieving families – but for other reasons as well.

On the afternoon of June 12, when the Air India flight bound for London crashed into a medical college shortly after take off in Ahmedabad, I was assigned to cover the incident. In this age of technology, where reporters are expected to provide updates in real time, our most vital organ is not the pen and notepad, but the mobile phone. Whether we are covering political rallies, protests, natural disasters, or accidents, we are perpetually tethered to our devices. We use them to mail stories, shoot videos, click photographs, make dozens of calls, and coordinate with the newsroom. As our biggest fear is that our phone battery will die, every one of us has a power bank. This has become as essential as a press card. Many journalists carry multiple backups and some even lug around the monstrous 50,000 mAh power bricks that resemble mini-inverters. Our phones are our lifelines.

I went to the accident site prepared, with a bag full of devices. Yet during the long hours at the crash site and at Ahmedabad Civil Hospital, where bodies were brought in for identification and autopsy, I didn't use my power bank.

This wasn't because there wasn't work. My phone battery dwindled in sync with my energy reserves. Yet somehow, I managed. This is because help came from an unexpected source: the extension boards scattered across the hospital premises. They were not there specifically for journalists, but for everyone gathered there: grieving family members, tireless volunteers, and reporters. The extension boards gave everyone a moment to recharge literally and figuratively.

There were people everywhere offering help in different ways. Volunteers from various Hindu organisations, including the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, the Vishva Hindu Parishad, and local NGOs, along with a few Muslim groups, ensured that food, buttermilk, cold drinks, and glucose-infused water were being supplied at the hospital round the clock. One scorching afternoon, while I was outside the morgue, a man tapped my shoulder and insisted that I drink glucose water. That small gesture and many others like it revealed the depth of the coordinated relief effort.

The premises were always kept clean. Every time someone drank buttermilk or water and leaned to place the empty bottle aside, or looked around for a trash can, housekeeping staff would appear out of nowhere to clear it. Within minutes, every piece of waste was disposed of, no matter how crowded or chaotic the space and the situation.

In short, the worst aviation tragedy in recent times in India was being handled on the ground with precision and thought. In retrospect, I realised that this was not surprising. The crash had made international headlines. Dozens of reporters from national and foreign media had flown into the politically significant State of Gujarat, which has been governed by the Bharatiya Janata Party for decades and is the home turf of both Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Any photograph or short video clip of a stray bottle or pile of trash left unattended in one of Asia's largest public hospitals could have easily gone viral. Apparently, even a stray bottle risked becoming a political statement. And that, it seemed, was not a risk anyone was willing to take.

What stayed with me was not just the sorrow of the families, but also the manner in which the tragedy was handled. Even amid the grief, the quiet control being exercised was unmistakable.

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PICTURE OF THE WEEK | A busy monsoon night

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus glows in the night during monsoon showers in Mumbai. EMMANUAL YOGINI

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FROM THE ARCHIVES The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 27, 1975

President proclaims national Emergency

New Delhi, June 26: A national Emergency was proclaimed to-day in the face of what the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi, described in a broadcast to the nation as a "deep and widespread conspiracy" that had been brewing for a long time, leading to violence and disruption of normal life.

After a hurriedly summoned Cabinet meeting at 5 a.m. at the Prime Minister's residence, the President issued the Proclamation under Article 352(1) of the Constitution declaring that a "grave emergency exists whereby the security of India is threatened by internal disturbances."

A number of preventive arrests have been made by the Central and State Governments. The Centre has directed the State Governments and Union Territories' administrations to use the emergency powers for the maintenance of law and order and the unity of the nation.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 27, 1925

Anglo-Indians' grievances

Bombay, June 26: Lt. Col H.A.J. Gidney, leader of the Anglo-Indian deputation, which is proceeding to England to-morrow, addressed a well-attended meeting of the Anglo-Indian and Domiciled Community of Bombay, this evening, at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall, when he explained the grievances of the community and the objects of the deputation.

From Page One

Docking successful, Shukla sets foot on ISS

The first delay was due to adverse weather, followed by technical issues in the Falcon 9 rocket and then on the ISS.

In the lead-up to the Ax-4 mission, both Mr. Shukla and Mr. Nair had received advanced training at NASA's Johnson Space Centre in Texas.

Along with the other Gaganyaan designates Ajit Krishnan and Angad Pratap, they had previously received training in Russia. Training inputs from the U.S. and Russia are deemed valuable because of their considerable human spaceflight experience.

In the Ax-4 mission, Mr. Shukla is joined by Commander Peggy Whitson of the U.S., Mission Specialist Sławosz Uznański-Wiśniewski of Poland, and Mission Specialist Tibor Kapu of Hungary.

Before lift-off, the crew, including Mr. Shukla, had to be quarantined for 30 days. "The only thought in my mind was to let us just go," he had said.

Ahead of docking, Mr. Shukla said he was learning to live in microgravity conditions "like a baby" and that it was an amazing experience to float in vacuum as the Dragon capsule circled the earth en route to docking with the ISS.

India declines to sign SCO statement

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh speaking at the SCO Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China. ANI

In his address at the SCO meet in Qingdao, Mr. Singh said a terror group, The Resistance Front, had carried out a "dastardly and heinous attack" on innocent tourists at Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir, killing 26 innocent civilians, including a Nepali national. Victims were shot after they were profiled based on their religious identity.

The TRF, a proxy of the UN-designated Lashkar-e-Taiba, had claimed responsibility for the attack, he said.

'No place for double standards'

"Peace and prosperity cannot co-exist with terrorism and proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in the hands of non-state actors and terror groups. Dealing with these challenges requires decisive action. It is imperative that those who sponsor, nurture and utilise terrorism for their narrow and selfish ends must bear the consequences. Some countries use cross-border terrorism as an instrument of policy and provide shelter to terrorists. There should be no place for such double standards. SCO should not hesitate to criticise such nations," Mr. Singh said.

"India's zero tolerance for terrorism was demonstrated through its actions. It includes our right to defend ourselves against terrorism. We have shown that epicentres of terrorism are no longer safe and we will not hesitate to target them."

The pattern of the Pahalgam attack was similar to the LeT's previous attacks in India, Mr. Singh added.

On the sidelines of the SCO, Mr. Singh met the Defence Ministers of Russia, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Belarus.

In response to the terrorist attack in Pahalgam, India on May 7 launched "Operation Sindoor" to dismantle cross-border terrorist infrastructure in Pakistan.

Terrorist dies in encounter with security forces in J&K

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

An unidentified terrorist was killed during an anti-militancy operation under way in Udhampur district of Jammu and Kashmir, the Indian Army said. Three more terrorists remain holed up in the hilly area, it added, as the operation was hindered by bad weather.

An Army spokesman said the terrorist was neutralised on Thursday evening. "The operation continues," the spokesman of the Army's White Knight Corps added.

According to the Army, a group of terrorists was tracked by a joint team of the Army and the Jammu and Kashmir Police in Karoor nallah of Basantgarh, Udhampur on Thursday morning. Basantgarh is a hilly area intersected with rivers and streams, and terrorists use the tough terrain to cross over to the Chenab Valley.

The anti-terrorist operation, which saw heavy exchange of fire initially, slowed down later due to inclement weather.

Preliminary reports suggested that the terrorists could be affiliated to the Jaish-e-Muhammad.

Bangladesh talks can happen in conducive environment: India

External Affairs Ministry's remarks come a day before parliamentary panel holds a special meeting on neighbouring nation with four experts

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Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Mending ties: Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Bangladesh Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus. FILE PHOTO

India is willing to discuss all issues with Bangladesh in a "conducive" environment, said Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry, while emphasising that established modalities exist between Dhaka and New Delhi that can deal with a full spectrum of bilateral relations.

The remarks came as former diplomats and experts are set to address the Standing Committee on External Affairs to discuss the "Future of the India-Bangladesh Relationship".

Sources told *The Hindu* that the experts are former National Security Adviser Shivshankar Menon, Lieutenant-General Ata Hasnain (retd), former High Commissioner to Bangladesh Riva Ganguly Das, and Jawaharlal Nehru University professor Amitabh Mattoo.

"We are prepared to engage with Bangladesh on all matters in an environment that is conducive for mutually beneficial dialogue," Mr. Jaiswal said, responding to a question on the renewal of the Ganga Water Sharing Treaty of 1996.

Responding to another question about Bangladesh joining trilateral consultations with Pakistan and China on June 19, Mr. Jaiswal said that India maintains a "constant watch on the developments in our neighbourhood that have a bearing on our interest and our security. Our relations with individual countries, while they stand on their own footing, take into account the evolving context as well".

Mr. Jaiswal's remarks came a day before the parliamentary panel holds a special discussion on Bangladesh with the four experts.

According to preliminary preparation documents, the experts are expected to address questions about the political situation under the interim government led by Mohammed Yunus, rise of religious fundamentalism, among others.

Issue birth certificate before discharge of baby, RGI tells States

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

Registrar-General of India issues letter to States as document's utility has increased in recent past

The Registrar-General of India (RGI) has asked all States to ensure that birth certificates are issued to mothers of newborn children before they are discharged from hospitals, particularly government run-hospitals, which account for more than 50% of institutional births in the country.

'Not later than 7 days'

The RGI office said the registrar should give the birth certificate as soon as the registration of birth is completed "but not later than seven days" in an electronic or other format.

"You will appreciate that this office, in its endeavour of making the registration process smooth and user-friendly, has taken several steps to improve the Civil Registration System, including amendment to the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969, corresponding amendment to State Registration of Births and Deaths Rules, development of a new Central CRS portal, etc. In view of the increased importance of the birth certificate, it is the need of the hour that the certificate is delivered to the mother of the newborn child before her discharge from the hospital, especially by the government hospitals where more than 50% of total institutional births occur," the June 12 letter by the RGI office said.

It said government hospitals, community health centres and primary health centres across the country are working as registration units and the registrars of such units should be sensitised to the importance of immediate issue of birth certificate as its utility has been recently increased manifold.

From October 1, 2023, the digital birth certificate is the single document to prove the date of birth for various services such as admission to educational institutions, government jobs, marriage registration among others. The RGI letter said these steps would bring convenience to common people and will engender goodwill.

'Schools can take time to use mother tongue as medium'

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NEW DELHI

Schools in metropolitan regions, whose primary medium of instruction is English, may find it challenging to immediately transition to mother tongue as a medium of instruction due to the varied languages spoken by students from diverse communities, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) officials said.

CBSE Chairman Rahul Singh, speaking on the much-debated language implementation guidelines released by the Board recently, said that the CBSE's goal is to ease the path of implementation of the National Education Policy-2020's requirement to teach students in mother tongue until Class 5.

Officials have admitted that the Board's recent recommendation would be challenging for schools that have students who speak different mother tongues. "A limited number of schools in metros, around 800 to 900 such institutions, will face this challenge," Mr. Singh said.

"We are not forcing any school to immediately adopt the language implementation guidelines. We are not penalising any school or stating that their affiliation will be cancelled if they don't immediately transition. We are organising a series of webinars and workshops for training purposes and hopefully we will be able to implement the policy," Mr. Singh said.

Mr. Singh said the CBSE has instructed schools to conduct a language-mapping exercise to understand the language-mix of students. "One strategy is to divide sections based on students' mother tongue preference," he said.

Aim to think, converse and glorify in India's own languages: Amit Shah

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented a book on Mahabharata in Tamil during the Golden Jubilee celebration in New Delhi. ANI

Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday that while there was no opposition to any foreign language, the aim should be to glorify, converse and think in India's own languages.

Mr. Shah said Indian languages should be the language of administrative work in the State and in the Central government offices.

He said Hindi cannot be inimical to any Indian language, adding that Hindi is a friend of all Indian languages.

The Minister said technical education has been introduced in 12 Indian languages and Madhya Pradesh has started medical education in Hindi. He urged all States to make arrangements to provide engineering and medical education in their State's language.

Addressing the 'Golden Jubilee Celebration' of the Department of Official Language, Mr. Shah said through the Bharatiya Bhasha Anubhag (Indian Languages Section) inaugurated this year, "we will make Indian languages the language of teenagers and the youth".

He said in the last few decades, language was used as a tool to break India, but this effort did not succeed. "We have to ensure that our languages become a powerful medium to connect India and not break it," the Minister said.

Mr. Shah added that language is not a mere medium of communication, "it is a nation's soul". "History and culture cannot be promoted without our own languages. To keep them alive and rich is important," he said.

Hindi cannot be inimical to any Indian language, it is a friend of all Indian languages, asserts Union Minister

He added that as part of the Bhasha Sangam initiative, a program is being run in every school to teach students 100 commonly used sentences in the 22 languages recognised by the Constitution. He said the Department of Official Language has created the "Hindi Shabdsindhu," which is a major effort to make the official language accepted, flexible, and comprehensive.

He said there should be no hesitation in enriching any language, and commonly spoken words - regardless of their origin - once they are included in the Hindi Shabdsindhu, they will be recognised as Hindi words in future.

Nine people arrested by CBI in crackdown on cybercriminals

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

In a major crackdown on cyber-enabled financial crimes, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested nine individuals following searches linked to the operation of 8.5 lakh mule accounts in over 700 branches of various banks across the country.

These accounts were allegedly being used to perpetrate cyber frauds, including the so-called "digital arrest" scams.

The action was undertaken as part of Operation Chakra-V, a multi-pronged initiative launched to tackle rising incidents of cybercrime.

Based on specific inputs, the CBI conducted coordinated searches at 42 locations across Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand, and Uttar Pradesh.

According to the agency, the mule bank accounts were being operated by organised cybercriminal networks engaging in impersonation, fraudulent advertisements, investment frauds, and UPI-based scams.

"These cyber fraudsters are being helped by the commissions and omissions of certain bank officials, agents, aggregators, bank correspondents, middlemen and e-Mitras who are facilitating in opening of the mule accounts used for receiving and transferring proceeds of cyber frauds," the agency said in a statement on Thursday.

Belousov assures Rajnath of timely delivery of S-400 systems to India

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

An initial order of five S-400 air defence systems was placed and three were delivered. The remaining two units are on track. AFP

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held a comprehensive bilateral meeting with Russian Defence Minister Andrey Belousov in Qingdao, China, over cooperation in defence and aviation sectors between the two countries.

In Thursday's meeting, a discussion was also held over the timely delivery of S-400 air-defence systems to India, and the Russian Minister assured his Indian counterpart of the same, sources said.

In Indian service, the S-400 has been officially named "Sudarshan Chakra" after the mythological weapon of Lord Krishna. The S-400 has capability of engaging targets at ranges of up to 400 km.

An initial order of five S-400s was placed by India and three have been delivered. The remaining two S-400 units are on track, with deliveries expected to be completed in the stipulated time frame, sources said. Of the remaining two units, one is expected to be delivered next year and the final system in 2027.

Both sides agreed to a bilateral cooperation in defence and other sectors such as aviation. A detailed discussion was also held to further strengthen the supply chain between the two countries. They also showed interest in exchange of technologies in the aviation sector.

During Operation Sindoor, the Russian-made S-400 systems played a critical role in intercepting and neutralising missiles and drones launched by Pakistan.

India signed a $5.43 billion deal with Russia in 2018 for five squadrons of the S-400 Triumf, which can intercept fighter jets, ballistic missiles, and drones, making it a vital part of India's arsenal.

Mr. Singh is in Qingdao to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' meeting on June 25-26.

On the sidelines of the multilateral summit, he will also hold bilateral talks with his counterpart from China.

Navy staffer held for spying for Pakistan

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

The Rajasthan Police have arrested an Indian Navy staffer, posted at the naval headquarters in New Delhi, on charges of spying for Pakistan for several years and leaking sensitive information related to the Navy and other defence units, including on the recent Operation Sindoor, in exchange for money.

The accused, Vishal Yadav, is an Upper Division Clerk in the Directorate of Dockyard at Nausena Bhawan.

He was allegedly leaking classified information to a female handler of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) posing as an Indian woman.

APPEAL

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Delay in revealing details about Air India crash is causing anxiety

Captain A. Ranganathan

is a former airline instructor pilot and aviation safety adviser

The Tatas and Boeing have to come out with some positive information soon to reassure pilots, crew, and public

Two weeks have passed since the fatal crash of Air India flight AI 171 in Ahmedabad on June 12. The vital digital flight data recorder (DFDR) and cockpit voice recorder (CVR) have been recovered. Initial reports mentioned they were damaged and were being sent to the U.S. for the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) to decode. Subsequently, authorities announced it was being decoded in India.

With rumours and theories going around, blaming the Boeing 787-8 Dreamliner aircraft, and various YouTube experts dishing out various interpretations, there is fear not only among the passengers but also the operating crew of Air India. The continued procrastination in coming out with information that could put to rest the wild rumours and the silence by the Directorate-General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), as well as the airline, compel me to reassure the public that flying is safe, and it is the system that is at fault.

The only visual clue we have is the CCTV footage released by the airport operator. Though it does not show the first part of the take-off run, it does provide vital clue about the second part, and why "human error", and not the aircraft, is at fault. If the entire take-off sequence was available in the video, it would have put to rest the rumour that the flight did not use the full length of the runway but took off from an intersection. It was clarified by the flight tracker service provider that the full length was used but a new doubt has sprung up: if the aircraft used the turning pad before the end of the runway to expedite departure. It's hoped that in the interest of Air India and Boeing, the DFDR findings would be released immediately.

Going by the footage, one can see the aircraft emerging from the right at the four-second mark. In that frame, one can see an aircraft taxiing on Taxiway B to turn into the parallel taxi track. The B intersection is approximately 600 feet from runway 23-end. All the main wheels and the nose wheel of AI 171 are on the runway as it passes the B intersection in the seventh second of the video. This is a clear indication that the aircraft has not reached the minimum speed for lift-off. At the eight-second mark, AI 171 is almost at the end of the runway and has not rotated for take-off. Take-off rotation is close to five seconds, and at a speed of 174 knots (as mentioned in some of the radar plots), the aircraft would cover close to 1,500 feet in that period. That would take it well into the overrun area, which is not paved and which will have compacted sand and gravel.

The first sign of rotation appears at the 15-second mark and one can see a cloud of dust rising. A couple of seconds later, one can see the aircraft nose yaw (swing) to the right, indicating right-engine failure. One can see the exhaust from the left engine for the next three seconds, blowing dust and debris away. The left engine also stops, and the aircraft nose-high attitude clearly indicates impending stall. The ingestion of debris into the engine and possible bird ingestion during the flight portion on the overrun area, could have resulted in both engines failing due to foreign object damage. Birds, though not visible in the low-resolution footage, must be there as the runway and the taxiway at the Ahmedabad airport are surrounded by lush growth of grass and weeds. That is visible in the video footage.

Many questions

The questions that arise are: 1) Was a wrong weight and temperature entered in the Flight Management Computer? 2) Did the pilots not use the full length of the runway for take-off, considering the high temperature? 3) Why did the pilots not recognise a slower than normal acceleration? Were they not observing the Speed Trend Vector on the Primary Flight Display Speed Tape? The trend vector would have indicated the estimated speed in 10 seconds, and at 100 knots, it should be showing more than the V2 speed. If they recognised that, why did they not reject the take-off when they still had 3,000 feet of runway left? The aircraft could have safely stopped by the end of the runway. 4) Even when they were approaching B intersection and they recognised insufficient speed, they had 600 feet of runway, 60 metres of paved strip at the end of the runway, and another 240 metres of firm ground as Runway End Safety Area (RESA). This 1,600-feet-plus clear space beyond the boundary wall would have been sufficient for stopping with maximum brakes and max-reversers. The aircraft may have been damaged but a safe stop could have been achieved. The lack of situational awareness and performance knowledge is an area of concern. The training appears to be deficient when it comes to runway markings. Air India has a history of not recognising the runway markings and touchdown areas.

1) January 20, 1999: VT-EVA Air India B-747-400 at Frankfurt. Probable cause: "The ground contact about 1,000m in front of the touchdown zone (coming short) was the consequence of an unstabilised final approach which was not discontinued by initiating a go-around procedure in a timely manner. The contributing factors were: 1. The glideslope interception from above; 2. A hydraulic malfunction during the approach requiring to perform the referring checklist; 3. The rapid deterioration of the visibility; 4. The continuation of the manual approach although the flight crew was not qualified for CAT II/III approaches; and 5. Poor crew co-ordination and missing crew resource management."

2) May 22, 2010: Air India Express 812: High and fast approach and late touch down resulted in overrun and fatal crash

3) January 14, 2014: Air India B 787-800, registration VT-ANM, performing flight AI-301 from Sydney, NS to Melbourne,VI (Australia), was descending towards Melbourne International airport. The aircraft aligned with Melbourne's Essendon Airport's runway 35 (1,500 metres/4,930 feet length) and descended towards that runway when the air traffic controller intervened, instructing the crew to turn left and subsequently telling the crew their runway was in their two o'clock position, they were still cleared for the visual approach runway 34.

4) September 7, 2018: Air India 263 operating on Delhi-Thiruvananthapuram-Male sector, touched down on under construction runway at Male.

5) August 7, 2020: Air India Express 1344 overshot the runway, resulting in 21 fatalities. The approach was high and fast and there was a very late touchdown.

6) December 5, 2024: An Air India flight (AI2592) from Mopa Airport to Hyderabad was involved in a serious incident where the pilots attempted to take off from a taxiway instead of the designated runway. The ATC instructed the pilots to reject the take-off.

All these point to serious deficiencies in training and safety standards. Fatigue and stress, which is adding to human errors, is another area that the airline has to address. So many lives have been lost and there is a fear induced by the lack of human failure understanding. There is no accountability and the Tatas will need to take a very bold stand to correct the drift. A captain returning from take-off point or cabin crew reporting sick due to fear are not healthy trends for portraying a safe airline culture. The Tatas and Boeing have to come out with some positive information as soon as possible to reassure the pilots, crew, and public. Procrastination will cost them a huge price.

Questions raised on transparency of NTA: Cong.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Alleging that the National Testing Agency (NTA) has become a "national corruption agency", the Congress on Thursday questioned the grant of bail to two people who were accused of taking money to manipulate scores in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET).

On June 23, a Mumbai court granted bail to two people, Salim Patel and Sandeep Shah, who were arrested by the CBI on June 10. It accused them of deceiving NEET-UG 2025 aspirants by claiming they could manipulate scores, charging ₹90 lakh per candidate for this purpose.

Congress leader Kanhaiya Kumar addressed a press conference on the issue. "Once again, questions have been raised on the transparency of NEET and the agency [NTA] which conducts the test," he said. "The CBI is saying that no NTA official is involved in this case. If so, why action was taken under the Anti-Corruption Act," he asked.

Two weeks on, black box data of AI flight are being analysed

Black boxes were brought from Ahmedabad to Delhi and data extraction from both sets has been completed, says Ministry; probe team distinct from a first responder team yet to be appointed

Jagriti Chandra
NEW DELHI

Deep dive: The Boeing 787-8 aircraft involved in the crash on June 12 has two black boxes. VIJAY SONEJI

The two black boxes from Air India flight 171, involved in a tragic crash earlier this month, were transported from Ahmedabad to the New Delhi headquarters of the air accidents investigating agency, 12 days after the first one was retrieved and nine days after the recovery of the second.

Data extraction from both black boxes has been completed, and its analysis is under way, the Civil Aviation Ministry said in a statement on Thursday.

However, more than two weeks since the crash, the Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB) is yet to constitute an investigation team, distinct from its "GO Team" or a first responder team, formed on the day of the crash on June 12 led by its Director-General (DG), Group Captain G.V.G. Yugandhar.

"The black boxes were brought from Ahmedabad to Delhi by an IAF aircraft with full security on June 24, 2025," the press statement said.

The data extraction process started in the evening of June 24 by a team led by the D-G, AAIB with technical members from the AAIB and the top air crash probe agency of the U.S., National Transport Safety Board (NTSB). After the extraction comes analysis of data.

"The analysis of CVR [cockpit voice recorder] and FDR [flight data recorder] data is under way," the statement said.

The statement added that the Crash Protection Module (CPM) from the front black box was safely retrieved, and on June 25, 2025, the memory module was successfully accessed and its data downloaded at the AAIB lab. Experts inferred that this would mean that the black box data was not damaged in the crash.

Following questions on why the AAIB had not issued a public order announcing the composition of a probe panel and the specialisation of each of the members even as it maintained that the probe started on the day of the crash, the Ministry statement said a "multidisciplinary team" was constituted on June 13.

The team is led by the D-G, AAIB, and includes an aviation medicine specialist, an ATC officer, and representatives from the NTSB. The same team was earlier described as a GO Team.

Former investigators associated with the AAIB said a GO Team secures initial evidence, but a separate team is formed for investigation to which all the evidence are handed over.

"As the head of a statutory body formed by an Act of Parliament that is attached to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the D-G can't conduct the probe but can order one. Infact, he is not even supposed to know what is unfolding in the probe," a former investigator said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Cong. opposes intensive revision of Bihar rolls

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Thursday opposed the Election Commission's decision to undertake a Special Intensive Revision of the electoral rolls in Bihar ahead of the Assembly elections.

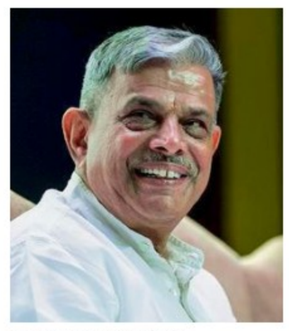
"The INC opposes the devious Special Intensive Revision exercise ordered by the EC for Bihar," party general secretary K.C. Venugopal said in a post on X.

The empowered group of leaders and experts (EAGLE) of the Congress issued a statement saying the move would lead to "wilful exclusion of voters". "The special intensive revision means that the EC will visit every single household and re-enroll every eligible voter in Bihar after a verification of identity and residential documents. In simple terms, the EC wants to discard the current electoral rolls entirely and create a fresh new electoral roll for the State," it said.

The statement said it was an "explicit admission by the EC that all is not well with India's electoral rolls"

Secularism, socialism in Preamble must be reviewed: RSS leader

Ishita Mishra
NEW DELHI



Dattatreya Hosabale

Noting that 'secularism' and 'socialism' were not part of the Preamble to the Constitution as drafted by B.R. Ambedkar, Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale on Thursday called for the later inclusion of these terms to be reviewed.

He was speaking at an event to mark the 50th anniversary of the declaration of the Emergency, at which he asked the Congress to apologise to the nation for the 'draconian act'. Discussing the "several injustices" propagated against the people during the Emergency by the Congress government, he said that over one lakh people were sent to jail, including 250 journalists. The government of that time violated fundamental rights in multiple ways including the forcible sterilisation of over 60 lakh people, he added.

"Freedom of judiciary was also curtailed... but one more thing. Two words – that are, secularism and socialism – were added in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution during the Emergency. These two words were not there in the Preamble before. Preamble is eternal to the nation, but are the views and values of socialism, in terms of ideology, eternal for India?" he asked.

The word 'secularism' was not originally in the Indian Constitution, he emphasised. "Yes, the ideas of secularism may have existed, they may have been part of governance and state policy – that's a different matter. But should these two words remain in the Preamble? This is something that deserves a review," he said.

Both BJP and Cong. leaders slam New York City mayoral candidate for his remarks

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Zohran Mamdani

Zohran Mamdani's win over former New York Governor Andrew Cuomo in the Democratic primary for the city's mayoral race has triggered criticism from political rivals in India, with MPs from both the Congress and Bharatiya Janata Party taking exception to the mayoral candidate's views.

Rajya Sabha MP and senior Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said that "Pakistan's PR takes the day off" when Mr. Mamdani speaks, while BJP Lok Sabha MP Kangana Ranaut said the Indian-origin lawmaker "sounds more Pakistani than Indian".

Mr. Mamdani, the son of renowned filmmaker Mira Nair and Ugandan academic Mahmood Mamdani, who is of Gujarati origin, was declared the winner of the Democratic mayoral primary on Tuesday.

"When Zohran Mamdani opens his mouth, Pakistan's PR team takes the day off. India doesn't need enemies with 'allies' like him shouting fiction from New York," Mr. Singhvi said in a post on X.

Ms. Ranaut, the MP for Mandi, echoed the sentiment, writing, "His mother is Mira Nair, one of our best filmmakers, Padma Shri, a beloved and celebrated daughter born and raised in great Bharat based in New York. She married Mehmood Mamdani (Gujarati origin), a celebrated author, and obviously son is named Zohran – he sounds more Pakistani than Indian."

Staggered polls cannot be considered an immutable feature of Constitution: ex-CJI

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Former CJI D.Y. Chandrachud will present his views on simultaneous elections to a Parliamentary Joint Committee on July 11. PTI

Conducting free and fair elections is a basic feature of the Constitution, but the Constitution does not say that polls can be free and fair only if they are held non-simultaneously, former Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud has opined, according to sources, in his written submission to the Parliamentary Joint Committee reviewing the proposed legislation aiming to introduce simultaneous elections.

Justice Chandrachud, who served as the CJI from November 2022 to November 2024, will present his views to the panel on July 11. Justice J.S. Kehar, who served as CJI between January and August 2017, has also been invited by the panel, which is reviewing the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty-Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 and the Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Their predecessors who had met the panel earlier had pointed out several infirmities in the legislation, according to sources.

Justice Chandrachud, as per sources, has dismissed the contention that holding simultaneous elections would blur the distinction between different tiers of government, since voters may prioritise national issues over regional concerns if the election cycles are synchronised. This argument, he said, is based on the assumption that the Indian electorate is "naive" and can be easily "manipulated". This contention, he has argued, flies in the face of the universal adult franchise which has been part of the Constitution since its inception.

He further said in his submission, as per sources, that "staggered elections cannot be considered as a feature of the original Constitution, let alone an immutable feature."

According to sources, he has also referred to the concern that simultaneous elections could marginalise smaller parties or regional parties. But this problem, he said, exists independent and irrespective of the simultaneous election legislation.

EC begins process for de-listing 345 parties

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission has begun the process for de-listing of 345 Registered Unrecognised Political Parties which have failed to fulfil the essential condition of contesting even a single election for the last six years and whose offices could not be physically located anywhere.

In order to ensure that no party is unduly de-listed, the CEOs have been directed to issue show-cause notices to such RUPPs following which, they will be given an opportunity to present there case at a hearing. The final decision regarding the de-listing is by the EC.

INBRIEF

3 killed as vehicle plunges into gorge in Uttarakhand

Three persons were killed and nine reported missing after a tempo traveller carrying pilgrims fell into a gorge in the Alaknanda river valley near Gholtior in Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag district on Thursday. According to officials, the State Disaster Response Force reached the site and initiated rescue operations within 30 minutes of the incident. The disaster response team and local police recovered three bodies till the time of filing this report. The vehicle was ferrying pilgrims from Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra, who were en route to Badrinath temple after visiting Kedarnath, as part of the ongoing Char Dham Yatra.

90-day pan-India mediation campaign to start from July 1

Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai and Supreme Court judge, Justice Surya Kant, are scheduled to launch a 90-day mediation campaign conceptualised by the National Legal Services Authority and the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee to tackle pending cases from the taluka courts to the State High Courts. The campaign – 'Mediation for the Nation' – is from July 1 till September 30. The pan-India mediation campaign intends to take mediation to "every nook and cranny" as an alternative and people-friendly mode of dispute resolution. The parties could opt to participate in the proceedings online or offline or in hybrid mode.

Shubhanshu Shukla 634th astronaut to reach space

This is a phase of India's space journey, says Shukla; I am carrying the tiranga and I am very confident that the next 14 days are going to be amazing, advancing science and research, he adds

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NEW DELHI

India's Shubhanshu Shukla became the 634th astronaut to travel to space as he entered the International Space Station on Thursday after a 28-hour journey.

Mr. Shukla and three other astronauts were formally welcomed on the space station by the members of Expedition 73 with warm hugs and handshakes.

Axiom mission commander Peggy Whitson handed out astronaut pins to Mr. Shukla, Polish astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski and Hungarian Tibor Kapu, who marked their maiden voyage to space.

"I am astronaut 634. It is a privilege to be here," Mr. Shukla said in brief remarks at the formal welcome ceremony in the space station. "With your love and blessings, I have reached the International Space Station. It looks easy to stand here, but my head is a little heavy, facing some difficulty; but these are minor issues," he said.

Warm welcome: Axiom mission commander Peggy Whitson handing out astronaut pins to Shubhanshu Shukla, Polish astronaut Slawosz Uznanski-Wisniewski and Hungarian Tibor Kapu. @AXIOM_SPACE X

"We will get used to it. This is the first step of this journey," he added.

Mr. Shukla said over the next 14 days, he and the other astronauts will conduct scientific experiments and interact with the people on earth. "This is also a phase of India's space journey. I will keep talking to you. Let us make this journey exciting. I am carrying the tiranga and I am carrying all of you with me. The next 14 days will be exciting," he said.

The astronaut said the ride to the space station was wonderful and great and he was overwhelmed by the welcome he received from the crew of the orbital laboratory. "The minute I entered the International Space Station and met this crew, you just made me feel so welcome, as if you literally opened your doors, like your house doors, for us," he said.

"That is true. It was fantastic. I just feel even better now. Whatever expectations I had of coming here were surpassed by the view, of course, that is a big part of it, but also by you guys," Mr. Shukla said.

"So thank you so much. I think this is fantastic, this is wonderful and I am very confident that the next 14 days are going to be amazing, advancing science and research, and working together," he added.

In Shukla's hometown in Lucknow, his parents and relatives, teachers, friends, scores of students and onlookers greeted the successful docking with a standing ovation.

'Additional demand behind delay in Jal Jeevan Mission'

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Additional demand and the realisation that groundwater sources alone would be insufficient to provide potable piped water to all households have contributed to delays in the Jal Jeevan Mission, Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil said at a press conference on Thursday.

In 2019, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that all rural households – estimated at around 19 crore – would be covered by 2024, when approximately 16% (or 3.2 crore households) had piped water connections.

In her Budget speech in February, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman stated that the scheme had been extended to 2028 with an "enhanced outlay".

"If you consider the data until March 2024, we were pretty much on target. Subsequently, about four crore additional houses that required piped water connections were added. There have been some mistakes made by contractors. We also discovered that in some places groundwater resources would not be enough to provide water and so we'd need surface water [from rivers, lakes and will be more infrastructure intensive]," Mr. Patil said.

According to the Minister, 80% of rural households – around 15.6 crore – have been provided with piped water connections. Since 2019, the government has spent ₹3.6 lakh crore towards achieving this goal.

Budget documents show that the Jal Shakti Ministry expects to spend ₹67,000 crore in 2025-26, slightly lower than the ₹69,992 crore it spent in 2023-24. For 2024-25, the Ministry had provisioned ₹70,000 crore between March 2024 and March 2025. However, as of February, the actual expenditure stood at only ₹22,694 crore – indicating underutilisation of nearly ₹50,000 crore despite budgetary allocation.

The Ministry's website continues to list the target as 19.3 crore households, unchanged from the initial estimate in 2019. *The Hindu* reached out to officials for clarity, but no response was available at press time.

The mission aims to provide every rural household a tap water connection, delivering 55 litres per capita per day of water that meets BIS:10500 standards, according to the website.

Businessline conclave to focus on role of MSMEs in Indian growth story

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

To celebrate the work of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), *The Hindu businessline* is hosting its annual MSME conclave.

The fourth edition, to be held in two cities, was kicked off in Bengaluru on June 25 and now it is coming to Coimbatore on June 27. The series will discuss MSMEs' contribution to the Indian growth story.

MSME Day is observed world over annually on June 27 to celebrate these enterprises and recognise their importance, shed light on their contributions, and promote their growth and sustainability.

At the Coimbatore event, R. Nandini (Immediate Past Chairperson, CII Southern region, and MD, Chandra Textiles) will be the guest of honour.

Businessline Editor Raghuvir Srinivasan will address the audience before the commencement of the event.

The event will have two power-packed panel discussions and a fireside chat.

Insightful discussions

The first panel, titled "MSMEs: Delivering a Big Bang (On Defence Supplies)", will feature Gyaneshwar Tyagi, Chief General Manager of the High Energy Projectile Factory, a unit of Munitions India; Sai Pattabiram, Managing Director and Founder, Zuppa Geo Nav Tech; Ashok Atluri, CMD, Zen Technologies; and Sundaram Venkatapathy, Director, Codissia Defence Innovation and Atal Incubation centre (CDIIC). The session will be moderated by M. Ramesh, Consulting Editor, *businessline*.

The second panel, "MSMEs: Navigating Global Trade Disruptions", will feature Sasikumar Gendham, President, ELCINA; Kumar Duraisamy, CEO, Eastern Global Clothing and Joint Secretary-Tirupur Exporters Association; and Ramesh M., Managing Director, Alphacraft; and Kanishka Arumugam, Co-Chief Executive, EKKI Pumps. This session will be moderated by Sindhu Hariharan, Chief of Bureau, *businessline*, Chennai.

The fireside chat with Ajay Srivastava, Founder, Global Trade Research Initiative, will be hosted by Aarati Krishnan, Consulting Editor, *businessline*.

The past three years too, on MSME Day, *businessline* had hosted similar conclaves for MSMEs, which saw the participation of many from this sector.

These enterprises play a vital role in the Indian economy. With a vast network comprising approximately 6.3 crore MSMEs, this sector generates employment opportunities for around 11 crore people.

The *businessline* MSME Growth Conclave – Coimbatore 2025 is powered by Janatics and HDFC Bank, events associate partners include SSVM Institutions Coimbatore, City Union Bank, Radiance Realty, SIDBI, South Indian Bank, Tally, Milky Mist, Indian Overseas Bank, and Union Bank of India. Luxury Partner is Lexus.

Watch live streaming of the event at: https://thbl.news/BLMSMECB

Kolhapuri chappal manufacturers cry foul over Prada's 'replica' sandal

Vinaya Deshpande Pandit
MUMBAI

Kolhapuri chappal manufacturers have taken strong exception to Italian luxury fashion brand Prada's recently showcased Men's Spring/Summer 2026 collection, alleging that the featured sandals bear a striking resemblance to the traditional Kolhapuri chappals, a product granted Geographical Indication (GI) status by the Government of India.

A delegation of Kolhapuri chappal manufacturers met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Thursday to register their protest. Meanwhile, BJP Rajya Sabha member Dhananjay Mahadik said that they are in the process of filing a public interest litigation petition in the Bombay High Court against Prada.

"A team of lawyers is already working on it. This is to protect the rights of our people, to safeguard their livelihoods. I will also meet Union Minister Piyush Goyal in this regard," Mr. Mahadik told *The Hindu*.

Timeless craft: Kolhapuri chappals, made by over 20,000 artisans in Kolhapur, have been given the Centre's GI tag. VIJAYKUMAR PATIL

Prada has come under criticism for allegedly failing to acknowledge Kolhapur's artisans as the source of inspiration for the sandal design.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) MLA Rohit Pawar, in a post on X, said, "Prada's new sandal, priced approximately at ₹1 lakh, mimics Maharashtra's GI-tagged #KolhapuriChappal without crediting Kolhapur's artisans. This isn't just copying – it's cultural theft! If Prada won't respect our heritage by branding it right, the Maharashtra government must act against such #ChappalChor".

Mr. Mahadik also wrote to the Chief Minister seeking urgent intervention to "protect the cultural heritage of Maharashtra."

In Kolhapur, the District Footwear Association convened a meeting on Thursday condemning Prada's alleged appropriation of the design. "We will also file a criminal writ petition against Prada for this," Bhupal Shete, a member of the association, told *The Hindu*. He said over 250 manufacturers and shopkeepers participated.

"There are 20,000 artisans here in Kolhapur who make these chappals. All of us manufacturers have come together to condemn Prada. We will also send a memorandum to the Sant Rohidas Charmodyog Vikas Mahamandal to take action in this matter. We are now going to approach the District Collector, the State government, and the Centre," Mr. Shete said.

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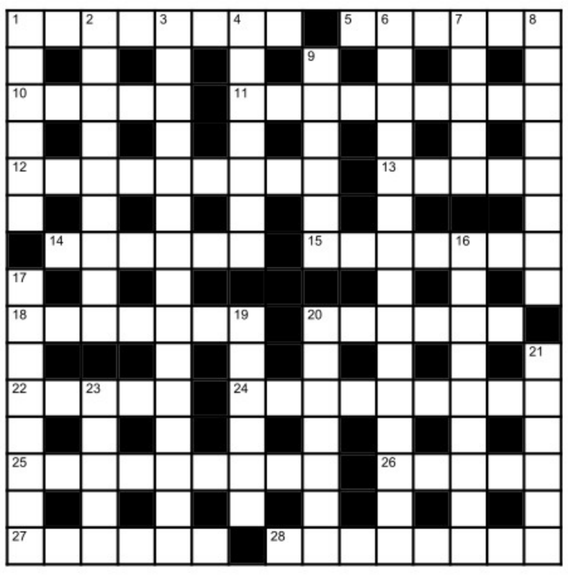

Across

1 UK shapes differently for reorganisations (5-3)
5 Unfeeling, lacks love - thick skin (6)
10 One role that is distinct (5)
11 A research facility's expert's heading off to get a mineral (9)
12 Costly to sacrifice pawn for knight at the end in general (9)
13 Colour of mineral found outside Switzerland (5)
14 Parrot having regular urge to get decayed vegetable (6)
15 Draw wine and fruit first off (7)
18 Dismissed move on settlement (7)
20 Hector's son adopted by an apostle (6)
22 Implant made by doctor post ECG at first on journo (5)
24 Poisonous sting by ant, bee is primarily killing, horrible (9)
25 UV, RAT involved in treatment of spine condition (9)
26 Fruit is old almost, I have half of it (5)
27 Showy or silent somehow (6)
28 Automobile check started hastily covered nothing (4,4)

Down

1 Labour's right is drivel (6)
2 One section reportedly intended to be flat (9)
3 New internee located leading to an understanding (7,8)
4 Musician uses kapi, Ani strums inside (7)
6 Crooked antisocial robbed (billion lost) synthetic hormones (8,7)
7 Lady at church has lock (5)
8 Magician more upset about Roman Catholic English (8)
9 Press release covers copy, special records (6)
16 Drop in price housing European Community, turning constant (9)
17 Outage put crew in disturbance, guarding Ohio (5,3)
19 Brainless fusspot messes up a bet (4-2)
20 Spot bachelor getting ordinary fake medicine (7)
21 Allow free lentils, not entirely (6)
23 Nobleman meets group of attorneys over noon (5)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Stay focused on goal

It is important to have a goal and work towards attaining it. It is even more important to set one's sights on the correct goal, which is attaining the lotus feet of the Lord. Andal and Rukmini are the true exemplars, said Damal Perundevi.

Growing up listening to Krishna's greatness, Rukmini decided to surrender to Him, instead of marrying Sisupala, as desired by her brother Rukmi. To that end, she sent a seven-verse missive to Krishna through an elderly priest. Receiving him, the all-knowing Krishna asked the priest to read out Rukmini's letter, due to two reasons. First, he did not want the priest to talk loosely, saying Rukmini sent a letter to Krishna. Second, and the more important reason, being His desire that everyone should hear what she had to say; for, he knew that she was talking of a greater love, saranagati, or total surrender to the Higher power; hers was not merely a love letter from a bashful damsel. Having filled her ears with His exploits, her entire being was inundated with Him and her bhakti was unparalleled. Suka wanted moksha and he attained it. She too attained him with her devotion. Like the people of Ayodhya who listened to Ramayana discoursed by Luv-Kush, even when Rama, the archa murti, was seated in their presence, Rukmini too experienced Krishna as the amrut that one can experience with one's eyes and ears.

One should be embarrassed and fight shy of many things in life, but not when it comes to displaying faith in God and through her letter seeking Krishna's hand, she showed that true devotion to Lord is not something to be ashamed of. Krishna accepted her surrender.

INBRIEF

India's engineering exports to West Asian countries decline

Engineering exports to the UAE and Saudi Arabia declined 15.8 % and 42.6 % respectively in May 2025 compared with last May. According to EEPC India, exports to the UAE in May 2025 were worth $ 683.38 million as against $ 811.2 million in May 2024 and shipments to Saudi Arabia last month were worth $337.11 million as against $587 million in May 2024.

John Cockerill Hydrogen raises €116 million capital

John Cockerill Hydrogen said it raised €116 million capital to support strategic development. In Europe, large-scale production of electrolysers started at the firm's plants in Aspach (France) and Seraing (Belgium) for leading European clients. In India, John Cockerill is working with its partner AM Green to deliver electrolysers for India's largest green-ammonia project.

JSW Steel seeks review of SC order on liquidation of BPSL

JSW Steel approached the Supreme Court (SC) for a review of its May 2 judgment, rejecting the firm's resolution plan for Bhushan Power and Steel Ltd. (BPSL) and directing liquidation. SC, subsequently, on May 26, ordered status quo in the ongoing liquidation process before the National Company Law Tribunal, granting JSW Steel time to file a review petition.

Nifty at 8-month high over likely delay in U.S.' EU tariffs

'The Indian rupee also reflected market's bullish sentiment, appreciating by 38 paise against USD to close at 85.70, its highest since June 12 primarily driven by a weaker U.S. Dollar Index'

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

Stock market rallied 1.2% to an 8-month high on the third consecutive positive day responding to relief from potential delay in U.S. tariff on European Union (EU). Nifty and Sensex closed at 25,549.00 and 83,755.87 respectively on Thursday.

Sectoral indices up

Barring media, telecom and realty, all sectoral indices rose. Metal indices were up the most increasing 2.13% while oil and gas stocks rallied 1.6%.

High activity: On the monthly expiry day, trading volumes on the NSE cash market were higher by 17% versus yesterday. REUTERS

On this monthly expiry day, trading volumes on the NSE cash market were higher by 17% versus yesterday, indicating more participation, experts said.

"The Indian rupee also reflected the market's bullish sentiment, appreciating by 38 paise against the U.S. dollar to close at 85.70, its highest close since June 12. This was primarily driven by a weaker U.S. Dollar Index, which plummeted to a three-year low amid growing speculation U.S. President Donald Trump is considering nominating the next Federal Reserve chair early, potentially paving the way for a more dovish monetary policy," according to Nandish Shah, senior derivative & technical research analyst, HDFC Securities.

GIA's new initiatives for Indian market

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Gemological Institute of America(GIA), which is into diamond/gem grading and analysis, education and research has introduced 'Finished Jewellery Report & Coloured Stone Report' service in India to provide details about the jewellery piece's components, including the metal, gemstone characteristics.

The examinations are part of gemstone identification and pearl services and focus on examination of the gems in the jewellery pieces, GIA said.

The report description will include metal verification and range for clarity, colour and estimated carat weight of D-to-Z diamonds that don't have GIA reports for unmounted diamonds.

Gross FDI up 23% in April, shows RBI data

T.C.A. Sharad Raghavan
NEW DELHI

Foreign direct investment (FDI) into India began financial year 2025-26 on a relatively strong footing, with gross inflows rising nearly 23% and net inflows more than doubling in April 2025, as per RBI data.

The data, a part of the central bank's monthly bulletin, shows gross inward FDI at $8.8 billion in April, higher than the $5.9 billion in March and $7.2 billion in April 2024.

"Net outward FDI also increased along with moderation in repatriation. Top sectors for outward FDI included electricity, gas and water and financial, insurance and business services, while major destinations included Singapore, Mauritius, and Germany."

DoT puts out draft rules for mobile user validation

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) published draft notifications that would allow private firms to verify identity of a phone number's user, on their own, or upon receiving an order by the Union or State governments. The draft Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Amendment Rules, 2025 modify the Telecommunications (Telecom Cyber Security) Rules, 2024.

"The draft rules introduce a new category called 'Telecommunication Identifier User Entities' (TIUEs), which is so broadly defined that it could apply to almost any firm using telecom identifiers such as mobile numbers to identify users or deliver services," said Sumeysh Srivastava, telecom analyst, The Quantum Hub think tank.

"For private digital platforms, this could mean mandatory mobile number verification through a new government-run system, which brings added costs and potential technical challenges. What's concerning is the rules don't clearly limit which types of platforms will be covered. And since many platforms already have their own ways of verifying users, it's unclear whether this added step will actually make the Internet safer."

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	83,756	1.21
US Dollar	85.72	0.42
Gold	98,600	-----
Brent oil	68.81	0.73

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2586.20	59.00
Adani Ports	1429.30	36.20
Apollo Hosp	7101.50	59.50
Asian Paints	2289.80	9.90
Axis Bank	1233.50	20.20
Bajaj Auto	8433.00	43.50
Bajaj Finserv	2053.60	41.80
Bajaj Finance	951.50	23.50
Bharat Elec	410.10	4.05
Bharti Airtel	2014.30	48.70
Cipla	1513.80	3.80
Coal India	394.15	2.40
Dr Reddys Lab	1321.50	-20.10
Eicher Motors	5611.50	35.50
Eternal Ltd.	265.18	6.32
Grasim Ind	2883.30	51.50
HCL Tech	1724.10	7.00
HDFC Bank	2021.80	41.60
HDFC Life	799.45	14.35
Hero MotoCorp	4278.00	-22.80
Hindalco	690.60	17.95
Hind Unilever	2280.80	2.10
ICICI Bank	1439.10	13.30
IndusInd Bank	836.10	6.30
Infosys	1616.00	1.10
ITC	420.30	3.95
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	312.50	9.20
JSW Steel	1032.55	8.10
Kotak Bank	2203.90	5.60
L&T	3659.60	39.80
M&M	3215.80	0.30
Maruti Suzuki	12715.00	-52.00
NestleIndia	2431.40	27.00
NTPC	337.15	6.30
ONGC	244.73	2.82
PowerGrid Corp	293.50	3.05
Reliance Ind	1495.30	28.00
SBI Life	1860.80	18.10
State Bank	797.05	-3.00
Shriram Finance Ltd.	703.20	28.10
Sun Pharma	1669.80	0.20
TataConsumerProduct	1145.40	18.90
Tata Motors	682.75	8.25
Tata Steel	160.54	4.15
TCS	3441.80	-3.00
Tech Mahindra	1690.20	-14.80
Titan	3694.70	42.50
Trent Ltd.	6107.00	-17.50
UltraTech Cement	11951.00	218.00
Wipro	268.52	-0.89

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

DTL intends to invite online tender for Design, **Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220/66/33kV GIS Sub-Station with complete civil works & automation at existing 220kV GIS Maharani Bagh Substation, New Delhi (India) on Turnkey Basis against Tender No. T25R220466.**

For complete details of tender please visit website:-
https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
(Tender ID No.: 2025_DTL_274365_1)
and www.dtl.gov.in
(Tender Reference No. **- DTL-9650-250625)**
Last date for bid submission:- 25.07.2025 at 01.30 P.M.
All corrigendum, addendum, amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc. to this e-tender will be hosted on the above website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themseleves updated.

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DTL intends to invite online Two Part Domestic Competitive Bidding (DCB) Tender for **Design, Engineering, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 220/66KV GIS Sub-Station with complete civil works & automation at Budella, Delhi on Turnkey Basis against Tender No: T25R220464**.

For complete details of the tender please visit website:-
https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
(Tender ID No.: 2025_DTL_274404_1)
and www.dtl.gov.in
(Tender Reference No.- DTL-9651-250625)
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Nature of Work	Due date
252613 001230	Procurement of Stator (IMP) & Rotor (IMP) for PM#1&2	11.07.2025
252613 002094	Supply of GI Cable Trays with accessories for RSPS#2 at TNPL Unit-I.	19.07.2025
252613 002108	Supply and installation of LV Busducts for RSPS#2 in TNPL Unit-I.	19.07.2025
252613 002185	Supply of LT Power Cables for RSPS#2 in TNPL Unit-I.	21.07.2025
252623 001064	Tender for supply of Double Sided Tape 50 MM (Repulpable) - Length 50 Mtrs for TNPL Unit - II.	15.07.2025
252623 001084	Procurement of LATEX-1 (Top Coat-Acrylic Binder) for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	12.07.2025
252623 001085	Procurement of LATEX-2 (Pre-Coat-SBR Binder) for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit - II.	12.07.2025
Email	252613001230 - purchase.imp@tnpl.co.in 252613002094 ; 2108 ; 2185 - pmd1@tnpl.co.in 252623001064 - purchasepacking.u2@tnpl.co.in 252623001084 ; 1085 - purchaserm.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website & NIC Portal. Detailed Terms & conditions, tender fee, EMD etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from websites : **www.tnpl.com / https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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CENTRAL MINE PLANNING & DESIGN INSTITUTE LIMITED
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)
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NOTICE

"All the tenders issued by CIL and its Subsidiaries for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on websites of Coal India Ltd. **www.coalindia.in** /respective Subsidiary Company (CMPDI, **www.cmpdi.co.in**), CIL e-procurement portal **https://coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in.** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM Portal **https://gem.gov.in**"

PUDUCHERRY INDUSTRIAL PROMOTION DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT CORPORATION LIMITED
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Tel. No. 0413-2335116, Fax No. 0413-2336842 Website:info@pipdic.in

No. 7164/PIPDIC/SP/2022/RAMP/3 Date:25.06.2025

Request for proposal

Proposals are invited from reputed/experienced firms/ companies/agencies for Selection of a Consultancy Firm to establish and operationalise an MSME Facilitation Centre under Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme in the U.T. of Puducherry.

Details can be obtained from website **www.pudutenders.gov.in. / www.pipdic.com**

Last date for submission of proposal - 27.07.2025 by 4:00 P.M

Place : Puducherry
Date : 25.06.2025

(P.T.RUDRA GOUD, I.A.S)
Managing Director
PIPDIC

No.218/DIP/AD(Press)/2025-26

DELHI TRANSCO LIMITED

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For complete details of the tender please visit website:-
https://govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in
(Tender ID No.: 2025_DTL_273856_1)
and www.dtl.gov.in
(Tender Reference No.- DTL-9654-260625)
Last date for bid submission: 28.07.2025 at 1:30 P.M.
All corrigendum, addendum, amendments, time extensions, clarifications etc. to this e-tender will be hosted on the above website only. Bidders should regularly visit website to keep themselves updated.

OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT
RUHS HOSPITAL, Sector – 11, Kumbha Marg, Pratap Nagar, Jaipur - 302033 Ph. : 0141-279577 Email: supdt.hms@ruhsraj.org

No. :- RUHS HMS/Store/2025-26/5349 - 5350 Date :- 25/06/2025

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Sr. No.	Description of Tender	Estimated Cost in Rs.	Bid Security in Rs.	Tender Fee in Rs.	RISL Processing Fee	Bid Submission Start Date/Time	Bid Submission End Date/Time	Bid Opening Date/Time
1.	Annual Rate Contract for Procurement of Skilled Man Power (Security Man) as per nature of work for RUHS Hospital, Jaipur **(CMS2526SLRC00044)**	100.00 Lacs	2.00 Lacs	1000.00	1500.00	25/06/2025 from 3:00 PM onwards	05/07/2025 at 2:00 PM	07/07/2025 at 11:00 AM
2.	Annual Rate Contract for Procurement of Cleaning Work with Machine & Material (Unskilled Services as per nature of work) as per Nature of work at RUHS Hospital, Jaipur **(CMS2526SLRC00045)**	200.00 Lacs	4.00 Lacs	1000.00	2000.00	25/06/2025 from 3:00 PM onwards	05/07/2025 at 2:00 PM	07/07/2025 at 02:00 PM

Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or on **https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/25/5061

Medical Superintendent, RUHS Hospital, Jaipur

NMDC Ltd.
(A Govt. Of India Enterprise) (ISO 9001 Company)
Bailadila Iron Ore Mine, Bacheli Complex, Bacheli, Distt. - South Bastar
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BIOM/BC/Contracts/Publication/2025-26/096/ **Date: 27/06/2025**

Bailadila Iron Ore Mines, Bacheli Complex, NMDC Ltd. invites e-bids for the following works. Intending tenderers may visit and download Tender Documents from CPP Portal or **www.nmdc.co.in** or **http://www.mstcecommerce.com/eprochome/nmdc/.** Any corrigendum/addendum to be issued, the bidder must visit the online portal from time to time to notice the same. Corrigendum/addendum will not be published in any newspaper. The offer has to be submitted online at the given MSTC portal only till 03:30 PM and will be opened on 04:00 PM on respective last dates.

MSTC Ref. No. NMDC/ Bacheli/ 25-26/ET/	NMDC Tender. No. BIOM/BC/ CONTRACTS / OTE(96)/25-26/	Short Description of Work	EMD(Rs.)	Last Date of sub'n
1 29/222	C-315	STRENGTHENING OF SPILLWAY AND UPSTREAM SLOPE DEVELOPMENT OF TD-1, BACHELI COMPLEX.	34,500/-	28/07/2025
2 30/223	C-377	PROVIDING OF WASHING SPACE IN TYPE-IV-DS QUARTERS AT BACHELI TOWNSHIP NORTH BLOCK (PHASE-I) (TYPE-IV-DS-35-62 (28 UNITS) & TYPE-IV-CWS-1-12(12 UNITS) & TYPE-IV-DS-117-124 (8 UNITS) TOTAL 12 BLOCKS).	2,53,800/-	28/07/2025
3 31/224	C-379	MISCELLANEOUS ROAD REPAIR WORKS AT ROUTE NO-04 AND BYPASS ROAD FROM TAILING DAM TO PWD JUNCTION AT BACHELI COMPLEX.	45,800/-	28/07/2025
4 32/225	C-402	ANNUAL REPAIR & MAINTENANCE OF FILTER HOUSE AT BACHELI TOWNSHIP AND SUPPLY OF PLUMBING ITEMS FOR MAINTENANCE OF WATER PIPELINE NETWORK ETC. AT BACHELI TOWNSHIP, DEP-10/11A MINES, LOADING PLANT MINING AREA FOR THE YEAR 2025-26.	33,500/-	28/07/2025
5 33/226	C-403	PROVIDING & FIXING OF FRP CANOPY AT ROOF OF TYPE-III QUARTERS AT SOUTH & NORTH BLOCK AND FIXING OF PLAIN FRP SHEETS IN CISF COMMANDANT OFFICE AT BACHELI.	1,15,400/-	28/07/2025
6 34/228	C-406	RECARPETING OF AKASH NAGAR ROAD FROM CURVE NO. 6 TO 7 AT DEP. NO. 10 & 11A, BIOM BACHELI COMPLEX.	1,06,100/-	28/07/2025
7 35/229	C-404	SAFETY MEASURES OF CONVEYOR-28 OF DEP-05 AT BIOM BACHELI COMPLEX.	73,300/-	28/07/2025

HOD (M&S and Contracts), BIOM, Bacheli Complex

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th, 7th, & 8th Floor, Tower-B, World Trade Centre, Nauroji Nagar, New Delhi-110029

Petition No. 350TL/2025 **Dated: 24.6.2025**

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

An application under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act) has been made by **POWERGRID KPS 1 and 2 Augmentation Transmission Limited,** B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi 110016 to establish the inter-State transmission system for "Augmentation of transformation capacity at KPS1 (GIS) and KPS2 (GIS) (Phase-V Part B1 and Part B2 scheme)" (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis consisting of the following elements:

Sr. No	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD	Percentage of Quoted Transmission Charges recoverable on Scheduled COD of the Element of the Project	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the commercial operation (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Augmentation of transformation capacity at KPS1 (GIS) by 1x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICT on Bus section-II (9th) • 1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICT-1 No. • 765 kV ICT bay- 1 No. on Bus section-II* • 400 kV ICT bay- 1 No. (+1 No. (with Sw. LR bay provision) for Dia. Completion in GIS) on bus Section-II	24 months from date of allocation to implementing agency (18.02.2027)	44.85%	Elements marked at Sl. No. 1 and 2 can be commissioned separately as their utilization is not dependent of each other
2.	Augmentation of transformation capacity at KPS2 (GIS) by 1x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICT on Bus section-I (9th) • 1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICT - 1 No. • 765 kV ICT bay - 1 No. (+1 No. (with Sw. LR bay provision) for Dia. Completion in GIS) on Bus section-I • 400 kV ICT bay - 1 No. (+1 No. (with Sw. LR Bay provision) for Dia. Completion in GIS) on Bus section-I.		55.15%	

* As per TSP (M/s Khavda-Bhuj Transmission Limited) mail dated 14.6.2024, half dia has been considered for 765 kV ICT bay due to space constraint.

Note: i. TSP of KPS1 (M/s Khavda-Bhuj Transmission Limited) shall provide space for above augmentation works at KPS1 (Section-II)

ii. TSP of KPS2 (KPS2 Transmission Limited (POWERGRID)) shall provide space for above augmentation works at KPS2 (Section-I)

2. The Central Transmission Utility of India Limited, vide its letter dated 17.3.2025, has recommended for the grant of a transmission licence to the applicant to establish the proposed transmission system.

3. Based on the material available on the record, the Commission vide order dated 23.6.2025 in Petition No. 350/TL/2025, has proposed to issue a transmission licence to the applicant for establishment of the transmission scheme as noted in para 1 above.

4. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by the applicant for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence to **POWERGRID KPS 1 and 2 Augmentation Transmission Limited** before the Commission can be accessed at the **www.powergrid.in/subsidiaries** or inspected by any person in the Commission's office by following the laid down procedure.

5. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act that suggestions or objections, if any, to the Commission's proposal to grant a transmission licence to the applicant, as aforesaid, be sent to the undersigned by **12.7.2025** at the above noted address. The suggestions or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.

6. The application shall be taken up for the further hearing by the Commission on **15.7.2025.** Any person who files suggestions or objections may in his/her discretion attend the hearing, for which no TA/DA shall be paid by the Commission.

(Harpreet Singh Pruthi)
Secretary

BRUSSELS

Gaza is in a 'catastrophic situation of genocide', says Spanish Premier

AFP

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez on Thursday said Gaza was in a "catastrophic situation of genocide", and urged the European Union to immediately suspend its cooperation deal with Israel. The comments represent the strongest condemnation to date by the Socialist leader. AFP

GAZA CITY

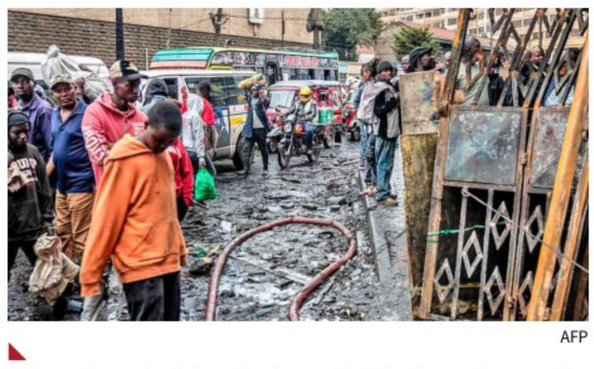
Israeli forces kill 35, including four near aid centre, say Gaza rescuers

AFP

Rescuers in Gaza said Israeli forces killed 35 people in the territory on Thursday, including four who they said were waiting to collect aid. Mahmud Bassal, spokesperson for the Gaza Civil Defence agency, said that 35 people were killed by Israeli fire in various locations throughout the Gaza Strip. AFP

NAIROBI

16 killed, businesses destroyed in Kenya's anniversary protests



AFP

At least 16 people died and businesses in Nairobi were destroyed in the Wednesday's protests across Kenya, Amnesty International said on Thursday. The marches had been called to mark one year since the anti-tax demonstrations. Although the anniversary marches began peacefully, they descended into chaos. AFP

SEOUL

N. Korea sending more troops to aid Russia in Ukraine war: Seoul

AFP

North Korea will send more troops to Russia to assist in its war against Ukraine a South Korean lawmaker said Thursday, citing information from Seoul's spy agency. This comes just a week after Sergei Shoigu, head of Russia's Security Council, said North Korea will send military builders to help restore Russia's Kursk region. AFP

Defiant Khamenei hails 'victory', downplays impact of U.S. strikes

In his first appearance since the ceasefire, Iran's Supreme Leader says his country 'dealt a severe slap to the face of America'; Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has hailed a 'historic victory'; Trump says U.S. and Iranian officials will meet next week

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei on Thursday said U.S. President Donald Trump "exaggerated" the impact of American strikes on Iranian nuclear sites, in his first appearance since a ceasefire in the war with Israel took hold.

In a statement and a televised speech carried by state media, he hailed his country's "victory" over Israel and vowed never to surrender to the United States, while claiming that Washington had been dealt a "slap" after striking Iranian nuclear sites.

Strong remarks: Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei speaks during a televised address in Tehran on Thursday. AFP

Mr. Khamenei's remarks come two days after a ceasefire ended a 12-day war between Iran and Israel, the foes' deadliest and most destructive confrontation in history.

"The American President exaggerated events in unusual ways, and it turned out that he needed this exaggeration," Mr. Khamenei said.

The U.S. "has gained nothing from this war," he said, adding that American strikes "did nothing significant" to Iran's nuclear facilities. "The Islamic republic won, and in retaliation dealt a severe slap to the face of America," he said, a reference to Iran's missile launch targeting the largest U.S. base in Qatar and Iraq.

"I want to congratulate the great Iranian nation... for its victory over the fallacious Zionist regime," he added, claiming that Israel had "almost collapsed" because of Iran's strikes.

Both Iran and Israel had already claimed they won, with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu hailing on Tuesday a "historic victory" for Israel.

The Israeli military said it had delivered a "significant" blow to Iran's nuclear sites but that it was "still early" to fully assess the damage.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said that "nuclear installations have been badly damaged, that's for sure".

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump said American and Iranian officials will talk next week, giving rise to cautious hope for longer-term peace.

"We may sign an agreement, I don't know," Mr. Trump said. "The way I look at it, they fought, the war is done."

Hegseth praises U.S. strikes on Iran but offers few details

Associated Press

U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Gen. Dan Caine held a Thursday morning news conference to respond to an early leaked intelligence report suggesting U.S. strikes against Iran likely put the country back mere months.

President Donald Trump has insisted the U.S. strikes delivered a "devastating" attack and that questioning his assessment of the strike was not only unpatriotic but also makes the pilots who dropped the bombs "very upset." Drawing reliable conclusions about the impact of the U.S. strikes is difficult only days after they took place.

President Trump's fights with the intelligence community were a running theme of his first term.

Pete Hegseth

Now, a sequel is playing out as Mr. Trump battles to shape the public's understanding of his foreign policy gamble in Iran.

An early U.S. intelligence assessment said Iran's nuclear programme has been set back only a few months after American strikes on three sites last weekend.

The Republican President has rejected the report and pronounced the programme "completely and fully obliterated."

Top administration officials are pressing Mr. Trump's case, with Mr. Hegseth scolding the media at a Pentagon briefing Thursday for "breathlessly" focusing on an intelligence report he downplayed as preliminary. Briefings also are scheduled for lawmakers, though the White House plans to limit the sharing of classified information after the initial assessment leaked this week.

The ruling handed down on Thursday comes amid a wider Republican-backed push to defund the country's biggest abortion provider.

"One of the greatest, most professional, and most 'confirming' News Conferences I have ever seen!" the President wrote on social media.

People seek humanitarian aid in Gaza risking their lives, says UN rights chief

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Calling for a ceasefire, release of hostages, and an "all-out effort" to get humanitarian assistance to Gaza, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights Volker Türk on Thursday said "it is heartbreaking" to know that people who need humanitarian assistance risk their lives to get food or material assistance.

Mr. Türk made the remarks in a media conference in Colombo, where he delivered a statement at the conclusion of his mission to Sri Lanka from June 23 to 26. "As of 25th of June, we have 598 reportedly killed in total as a result of them trying to access aid, at distribution points installed within Gaza. I have to say it is really, extremely distressing to see that militarised humanitarian assistance schemes have emerged, they are not a response," he said.

Sri Lanka's openness

On Sri Lanka, High Commissioner Türk said he felt "a real momentum for change" and "a genuine openness to address complex issues" of the past. He also felt "encouraged" by recent speeches of President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, publicly recognising the shared pain and grief of individuals from all communities.

"My visit yesterday to the recently re-opened mass grave at Chemmani [near Jaffna in the Northern Province] was a compelling reminder that the past haunts the lives of many in Sri Lanka... At the site I had a chance to meet a family who are still searching and still grieving for a loved one; they hope that his remains may be unearthed there even after all these years," he said, highlighting the trauma of scores of families looking for their disappeared loved ones. A statement issued by the President's office following a meeting with the UN official on Thursday said Mr. Dissanayake told him his administration had "a deep understanding of their pain", coming from a political movement that directly faced the issue.

Volker Türk

While pointing to "a growing space for memorialisation of victims" in Sri Lanka in his statement, the High Commissioner also highlighted "same old patterns" of surveillance of human right defenders that persist. Observing that Sri Lanka has "struggled" to move forward with domestic accountability mechanisms that victims trust, he said that is why Sri Lankans have looked outside for justice. "Ultimately it is the State's responsibility, and it is important that this process is nationally owned – and it can be complemented and supported by international means," he said. Mr. Dissanayake's government has rejected the UN Human Rights Council's latest Sri Lanka resolution and any internationally backed evidence gathering mechanism but has promised to strengthen the credibility of domestic mechanisms.

Further, Mr. Türk called for the repeal of Sri Lanka's anti-terror legislation, the Prevention of Terrorism Act (PTA), and a moratorium on its use, and the repeal of the Online Safety Act that rights defenders fiercely oppose.

Economic rights

Referring to the "enormous" impact of Sri Lanka's economic crisis in 2022, Mr. Türk said human rights need to look at economic issues as well. "We don't only have civil and political rights, we also have economic social cultural rights, they are very often the backbone of economic systems, of fiscal decisions taken."

Welcoming the government's steps to address corruption he said following the historic people's uprising of 2022, Sri Lanka has an opportunity to transition to a "human rights economy" - "one that looks beyond economics, and focuses on the main causes of societal problems, and addresses issues such as inequality, injustice and unsustainable practices".

Mr. Türk said he was leaving the island with hope over the "palpable desire" in government and civil society to "draw a line under the entrenched identity politics" of ethnicity, religion, language, culture, caste and class".

China hosts Defence Ministers of Iran, Russia

Agence France-Presse
QINGDAO

China hosted Defence Ministers from Iran and Russia for a meeting in its eastern seaside city of Qingdao on Thursday against the backdrop of war in the West Asia and a summit of NATO countries in Europe that agreed to boost military spending.

Beijing has long sought to present the 10-member Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) as a counterweight to Western-led power blocs and has pushed to strengthen collaboration between its member countries in politics, security, and trade.

Central African school blast, stampede kill 29 children

Associated Press
BANGUI

An explosion and the stampede that followed killed at least 29 schoolchildren and injured more than 250 at a high school in Central African Republic's capital city, authorities said on Thursday.

The explosion occurred on Wednesday at the Barthelemy Boganda High School in Bangui when power was being restored to an electrical transformer within the school premises after it malfunctioned, according to the country's Ministry of National Education, officials said. Most of the victims died at the scene.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA AT BENGALURU ORIGINAL JURISDICTION PROBATE CIVIL PETITION No. 12/2025

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE MR. NEIL OCTAVIOUS SALINS AND MRS. RUTH MONICA SALINS (INTESTATE AND DECEASED)

BETWEEN:

1. MS. SERAPHINA SALINS,
Aged about 30 years,
Daughter of late Mr. Neil Octavious Salins and late Mrs. Ruth Monica Salins,
Presently residing at Unit 94, 173 City Road, Southbank, Victoria 3006, Australia,
Represented by her
Power of Attorney holder and sister,
Ms. Sharon Lisa Salins
Aged about 28 years,
Daughter of late Mr. Neil Octavious Salins and late Mrs. Ruth Monica Salins,
Residing at 201, Gaurav Arcade – 1, 1st Cross, Manorayana Palya, R. T. Nagar, Bengaluru – 560 032.

2. MS. SHARON LISA SALINS,
Aged about 28 years,
Daughter of late Mr. Neil Octavious Salins and late Mrs. Ruth Monica Salins,
Residing at 201, Gaurav Arcade – 1, 1st Cross, Manorayana Palya, R.T. Nagar, Bengaluru –560032
....PETITIONERS

AND

NIL ....RESPONDENT

WHEREAS the petitioners above named have made a petition dated 09.06.2025 under Part IX (Section 278 and 300 Read With Section 219) of the Indian Succession Act 1925 for grant of Letters of Administration on account of the death of Mr. Neil Octavious Salins and Mrs. Ruth Monica Salins, both of who died intestate on 04.08.2020 and 02.10.2020 respectively in Bengaluru in respect of the properties of the deceased.

Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the **Fourth day of August Two Thousand and twenty Five (04.08.2025)** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Letters of Administration.

Given under my hand and seal of this court this the **Seventeenth day of June Two Thousand and twenty Five.**

By order of Hon'ble Court
Assistant Registrar
High Court of Karnataka
Bengaluru-560001

Counsel for the Petitioner :
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Vir Anthony Britto
Advocates
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 27.06.2025

TAMIL NADU CONSUMERS' CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION LTD.
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E-Tender Notice

E-Tender No: TNCCF/ET/2025/04 DATE: 27.06.2025

Tamil Nadu Consumers' Cooperative Federation invites All India online electronic tender for **"Purchase of 1000 Metric Tons of Double Roasted Rava in 1 kg Packets,900 Metric Tons of Samba Rava 1kg Packets and 1000 Metric Tons of Semiya (Vermicelli) 200 gram Packets" for The Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme.** Complete **E-TENDER** document can be viewed and downloaded through **https//tntenders.gov.in** and also available in **nicgep/app** free of cost **from 27.06.2025, 11.30 A.M onwards.**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-III.

Last Date and Time for Online Submission: **28.07.2025 Upto 10.30 A.M.**

DIPR/3294/TENDER/2025 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, JEYPORE (R&B) CIRCLE, JEYPORE.
INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)- Bid Identification No.C.C.E.J.C(R&B)-03/2025-26
No. 2340, Date. 21.06.2025

1.	Nature of the Work	: BUILDING WORKS
2.	Total No. of Works	: 04 (Four) Nos.
3.	Tender Cost	: Rs.1.25 to 3.63 Crs.
4.	Period of completion	: 04 (Four) to 10 (Ten) Calendar Months
5.	Cost of Bid Document	: Rs.10,000/-
6.	Bid Security (EMD)	: Rs.1.25 Lacs to 3.63 Lacs as per column no.06 of IFB.
7.	Class of Contractor	: "B" & "A" Class as per cl no.05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility
8.	Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal.	: From 11.00 hours of 02.07.2025 to 17.00 hours of 16.07.2025.
9.	Last date / Time for receipt of bids in the Portal.	: 17.00 hours of 16.07.2025.
10.	Opening date of Bid	: 10.00 hours of 17.07.2025
11.	Name and address of the Officer Inviting Bid	: Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal https://tendersodisha.gov.in .
Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.
Chief Construction Engineer, Jeypore (R&B) Circle, Jeypore.
B-237: OIPR-34108/11/0026/2526

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರ ಕಚೇರಿ (ವಿ) ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಿಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ 2000ರ ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಪರೀವೀಕ್ಷಕರಿಂದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರಿಕೆ ಪರವಾನಿಗೆ ಹೊಂದಿರುವ /ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ/ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ವಿದ್ಯುತ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೊರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.

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TAKE IT SLOW

Archer should not be rushed back to play the second Test: Vaughan

FILE PHOTO

Jofra Archer should not be rushed back to play England's second Test against India at Edgbaston despite his recent comeback to red-ball cricket, feels former captain Michael Vaughan. "The good thing is Jofra is back in the equation — but I'd like to see him play another four-day game," said Vaughan on *BBC Test Match Special*.

PRACTICE MODE

Team India to have closed-door training sessions at Edgbaston

ANI

The Indian team, which arrived in Birmingham on Wednesday for the second Test against England starting July 2, will have closed-door training sessions at Edgbaston on Friday and Saturday. Sunday will be a rest day before Shubman Gill & Co. hit practice mode again ahead of the match.

ALL IS WELL

Suryakumar undergoes successful surgery for sports hernia

INSTAGRAM/SURYA_14KUMAR

India's T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav underwent a successful surgery in Munich for a sports hernia in his lower right abdomen. "Grateful to share that after a smooth surgery, I'm already on the road to recovery. I can't wait to be back," the 34-year-old batter wrote on his social media handle on Wednesday.

BOX OFFICE

Tickets for Australia-India Sydney ODI, Canberra T20I sold out: CA

GETTY IMAGES

India's white-ball tour of Australia is still four months away but Cricket Australia has already sold more than 90,000 tickets for eight matches with the third ODI at the Sydney Cricket Ground, *in pic,* and the first T20I in Canberra sold out. According to CA, more than 16% of the tickets have been purchased by the Indian fan clubs.

The curious and mysterious case of Kuldeep

The left-arm wrist spinner has played only 13 Tests since making his debut in 2017; the 30-year-old deserves a place in the Indian XI as he is among the four best bowlers in the touring party; the UP player's presence lengthens the tail for he will have to bat at No. 8, a place higher than his usual slot, but he is no disaster with the willow

INDIA IN ENGLAND

N. Sudarshan
BIRMINGHAM

Bag of tricks: Kuldeep's USP is that he is not limited by the conditions. FILE PHOTO: PTI

It is tough to be Kuldeep Yadav, essential enough to be picked in most Indian Test squads but deemed unnecessary as the morning of the match dawns. The Leeds Test that India lost to England by five wickets is only the latest example.

The left-arm wrist spinner made his debut back in March 2017 against Australia in Dharamshala. Since then, he has played a paltry 13 matches across nine series.

Perplexing

Twice he has been the Player-of-the-Match only to not play the subsequent tie. In fact, he has featured in more than one fixture in the same series just two times.

There is a combination of factors at play. If at home, the superior batting returns of R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja and Axar Patel put paid to his chances, the reluctance to include more than one spinner in overseas XIs has held him back. All of this was supposed to change in the new, post-Ashwin era of Indian cricket. With Mohammed Shami not match-fit and Jasprit Bumrah unable to play for long stretches, Kuldeep's attacking nous and wicket-taking ability – even under batting-friendly conditions – were expected to be prized and cherished.

Yet, in Headingley last week, on a mostly flat and dry pitch, Kuldeep warmed the bench. The irony was that the last time India played England, in Dharamshala in March 2024, Kuldeep was adjudged the best player as he ran through a batting order that had Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root and Ben Stokes.

After the Leeds shellacking, there is heightened clamour to draft Kuldeep in. Online talk and social media chatter can be bereft of depth, but there is a good case to be made ahead of the Birmingham Test starting July 2.

The Edgbaston strip is expected to be as true and good for batting as Headingley. It has also been an unusually dry summer in England, and local weather reports are predicting a heat wave from July 1. Though rain is always in the air in the British Isles, temperatures in the West Midlands are expected to hover around 30 degrees.

More than this, Kuldeep's USP is that he is not limited by the conditions. In the 2024 home series in India, England struggled against the 30-year-old on fair wickets. And in the first Test here, as well as Duckett – and to an extent Stokes – played, the southpaws did not trust their defence against fellow left-arm spinner Jadeja, a potential cue.

The only thing that may go against Kuldeep is that his presence lengthens the tail, for he will have to bat at No. 8, a place higher than his usual slot. But he is no disaster with the willow.

In his player-of-the-match effort against Bangladesh in Chattogram, he scored a career-best 40 after coming in at 293 for seven.

Then, in the Ranchi Test against England last year, he staged a spectacular rescue-act alongside Dhruv Jurel, making an important 28 after coming in at 177 for seven.

More than the runs, he batted time on both occasions, eating up 114 and 131 deliveries respectively.

Above all, it is a no-brainer that Kuldeep is among the four best bowlers in this Indian touring party to England, along with Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Jadeja. Surely, there should be a place for him?

Archer back in England squad for second Test

Sports Bureau
BIRMINGHAM

The high-flying English side received another boost as pacer Jofra Archer, on Thursday, was named in the 15-man squad for the Birmingham Test against India from July 2. The 30-year-old last played a Test in 2021, also against India in Ahmedabad.

The 30-year-old's injury-ravaged body, which is being carefully managed with the Ashes also looming later this year, was put through a First Class county fixture – a first in four years – just a few days ago as Sussex took on Durham from June 22 to 25.

The squad: Ben Stokes (Capt.), Ollie Pope, Harry Brook, Joe Root, Ben Duckett, Zak Crawley, Jamie Smith (wk), Sam Cook, Jacob Bethell, Jofra Archer, Shoaib Bashir, Brydon Carse, Jamie Overton, Josh Tongue, and Chris Woakes.

On song: Starc scalped three wickets as West Indies was bowled out for 190. AP

Australian speedsters strike back; West Indies gains slender lead

AUSTRALIA IN WI

Agence France-Presse
BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

The Australian bowlers hit back to bowl out West Indies for 190 on the second day of the first Test here on Thursday to limit the host's lead to 10 runs.

Skipper Roston Chase (44) and Shai Hope (48) shared a partnership of 67 to lift West Indies to 139 for five in reply to Australia's first innings total of 180 in the second session. The Aussie bowlers hit back by claiming the last five wickets for just 51 runs. Mitchell Starc finished with three for 65 while captain Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood and Beau Webster scalped two wickets each.

The scores: Australia 180 in 56.5 overs (Head 59, Seales 5/60, Shamar 4/46) vs West Indies 190 in 63.2 overs (Chase 44, Hope 48, Starc 3/65).

In-form Nissanka leads Sri Lanka's riposte

Press Trust of India
COLOMBO

Pathum Nissanka's second successive century led Sri Lanka to a formidable 290 for two after Bangladesh was bowled out for 247 on day two of the second test on Thursday.

The opening batter's unbeaten 146 off 238 balls with 18 fours followed his career-best 187 in the drawn first Test. Nissanka and Dinesh Chandimal ground down the Bangladesh bowlers with a 194-run second wicket stand.

The scores: Bangladesh 247 in 79.3 overs (Shadman 46, Mushfiqur 35, Dinusha 3/22) vs Sri Lanka 290/2 in 78 overs (Nissanka 146 batting, Chandimal 93).

Sindhu confident of turning a corner on the tour

BADMINTON

Uthra Ganesan
BENGALURU

She hasn't won a title in nine outings since the Syed Modi International in November last year, not reached the last four, in fact, but P.V. Sindhu remains optimistic about the future.

Training with Indonesian coach Irwansyah since the beginning of this year, Sindhu has come close on a couple of occasions but fallen short, specially in matches that stretched into the decider. "The women's singles game has changed. Earlier it was more of attack and fast rallies but now it's much more defensive with long rallies and long matches, the game has slowed down.

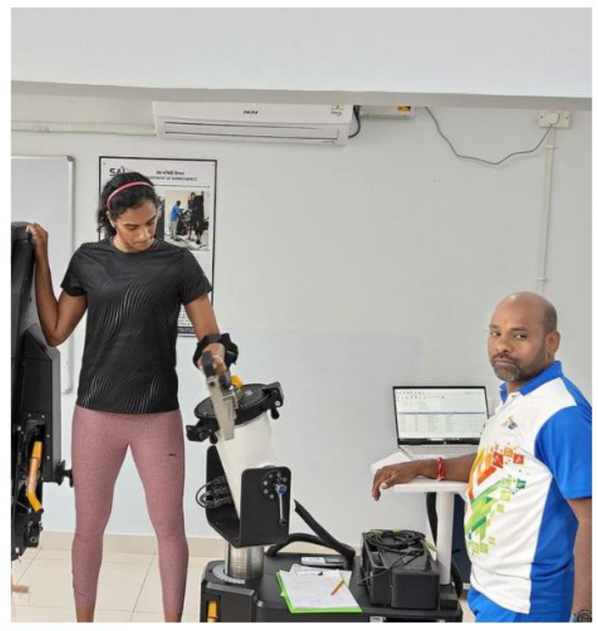
"I need to change my training schedule accordingly. I need to do my physical fitness and endurance. We have been working on that, especially in terms of being more patient to continue the rallies and keep the shuttle in play for 30-40 strokes," the double Olympic medallist told select mediapersons at the SAI Centre on Thursday.

Sindhu, who was visiting to test her strength and endurance at the SAI Bengaluru's state-of-the-art Sports Science Centre, insisted there were no concerns but admitted training and recovery modules have to adapt with age.

"Fitness and training-wise everything is going well. We have two more weeks to prepare before we start off with Japan and China. It is important to be 100 percent fit physically and mentally otherwise it will be difficult to come back from injuries.

"We used to play multiple consecutive events in our 20s. But now you have to make sure your body condition is good, you can't just go out there and play 5-6 tournaments in a row and not be fit, risk injury and make it worse. You need to make sure how the body is feeling after every tournament," she said. Questions about her recent results were inevitable and Sindhu admitted they were a concern but added that things were moving in the right direction.

"I know people might say you have won everything, there's no pressure. But it is important to make sure I maintain it. Recent results definitely bother me. I have been working on changing my mindset after losses. Sometimes you just get sad but it's important to bounce back. Earlier I was losing easily but recently there have been some tough matches with top athletes. The difference is little but hopefully in China and Japan you will see the results," she signed off.



Fighting fit: Sindhu at the SAI Sports Science Centre on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Ganguly showcases his mettle; Karnataka rules the pool

NATIONAL AQUATICS

Y. B. Sarangi
BHUBANESWAR

Shoan Ganguly gave a good account of his potential as he secured the men's 400m medley title with an 'India best' performance on the concluding day of the National aquatics championships at the Kalinga Stadium Aquatic Centre here on Thursday.

Shoan, who claimed the 200m medley crown with an 'India best' time the other day, made it a delectable double by taking home the 400m medley gold medal with a time of 4:24.64.

Ganguly, who led after 300m, withstood the challenge from Advait Page and Aryan Nehra, who held the National record at 4:25.62, before hitting the touchpad first. His second record breaking performance earned him the 'best swimmer' honour along with Dhinidhi Desinghu.

Say cheese! The Karnataka swimmers hogged the limelight. BISWARANJAN ROUT

"This is my best time in two years in my main event. I thank Page and Nerha for pushing me," said Ganguly.

A day after winning the 200m backstroke, Rishabh Das claimed his second gold amid a keen contest between four swimmers.

Personal best

He clocked his personal best of 56.13 over 100m.

Rishabh's training-mate from Mumbai, Heer Shah held his nerve to clock 51.29 and bag his maiden crown in men's 100m freestyle.

Bhavya Sachdeva picked up her third gold medal as she won the women's 800m title.

Vihitha Nayana Loganathan (100m backstroke) and Harshitha Jayaram (100m breaststroke) won their second crowns.

Altogether 14 new records were set in the championships.

The results (winners only):
Men: 100m freestyle: Heer Shah (Mah) 51.29.
100m backstroke: Rishabh Das (Mah) 56.13.
100m breaststroke: Likith Selvaraj Prema (SSCB) 1:03.06.
400m medley: Shoan Ganguly (Kar) 4:24.64 (NMR, Old 4:25.62, Aryan Nehra, 2023).
Women: 800m freestyle: Bhavya Sachdeva (Del) 9:09.67.
100m backstroke: Vihitha Nayana Loganathan (Kar) 1:05.18.
100m breaststroke: Harshitha Jayaram (RSPB) 1:13.24.
Best swimmer: Shoan Ganguly (men) and Dhinidhi Desinghu (women) (2 NMR and 'India best' performances apiece).
Team championships (men, women and overall): Karnataka.

INBRIEF

Ronaldo renews Al Nassr contract until 2027

Cristiano Ronaldo has signed a two-year contract extension with Al Nassr, the Saudi Pro League side announced on Thursday, which will keep the Portuguese forward at the club well past his 42nd birthday. Ronaldo, who joined the club in 2022 after leaving Manchester United to become a free agent, has scored 93 goals in 105 appearances for the club in all competitions.

Indian u-17 freestyle wrestlers sign off with 2 gold, 2 bronze

Indian freestyle wrestlers collected two gold and as many bronze medals on the final day of the Asian under-17 championships in Vung Tau, Vietnam, on Thursday. Arjun Ruhil (92kg) and Lacky (110kg) clinched gold medals, while Shivam (45kg) and Dhanraj Jamnik (51kg) claimed bronze. Earlier, Gourav Punia (65kg) had secured a gold. With five gold, three silver and two bronze, the country's women wrestlers lifted the team title. Indian Greco-Roman wrestlers bagged a gold and a silver apiece apart from three bronze.

Krejcikova suffers injury scare ahead of Wimbledon defence

Barbora Krejcikova faces a race to prove her fitness in time to defend the Wimbledon title after she pulled out of the Eastbourne Open with a thigh injury on Thursday. Krejcikova was due to face France's Varvara Gracheva in quarterfinals.

LIVE TELECAST

Football: Club World Cup, DAZN, 6.30 a.m.
Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh: 2nd Test, day 3, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 9.45 a.m.
West Indies vs Australia: 1st Test, day 3, FanCode, 7.30 p.m.

Inter knocks out River; Dortmund also advances

Teenage striker Esposito and Bastoni score for the Italians to settle a physical contest which sees the Argentines finish with nine men; Monterrey ends second in Group E and secures last-16 spot

CLUB WORLD CUP

Agence France-Presse
SEATTLE

Breaking the deadlock: Esposito, centre, is ecstatic after putting Inter Milan ahead. AP

Inter Milan powered into the last 16 of the Club World Cup on Wednesday, scoring a stormy 2-0 victory over River Plate that sealed the Argentinian club's exit.

Teenage striker Francesco Esposito and Alessandro Bastoni scored the goals to settle a physical contest which saw River finish with nine men.

The final whistle was marred by an ugly melee which saw players from both sides clash as they sprinted off the pitch, with missiles being thrown by River's fans at Seattle's Lumen Field.

Earlier, the 19-year-old Esposito bagged his first goal for Serie A giant Inter with a lovely strike in the 72nd minute to put the Italians 1-0 up.

The tall striker collected a pass from Petar Sucic, elegantly lost his marker before drilling a shot into the bottom right-hand corner past River goalkeeper Franco Armani.

Bastoni then bagged Inter's second deep into injury time to seal a win which sets up a last 16 meeting against Brazil's Fluminense next Monday.

River's campaign ended in disarray, with defender Lucas Martinez Quarta sent off for denial of a goal-scoring opportunity in the 66th minute.

Argentina international Gonzalo Montiel then followed his teammate off the field in injury time after a second yellow card.

Mexico's Monterrey, 4-0 winner over already-eliminated Japanese side Urawa Red Diamonds, finished as runner-up in Group E and will face Borussia Dortmund in last 16 on July 2.

A solitary first-half goal by Daniel Svensson gave Dortmund a 1-0 win against Ulsan HD as the Germans secured a place in the last 16. Dortmund's second straight victory by a one-goal margin, following its 4-3 defeat of Mamelodi Sundowns on Saturday, allowed it to qualify as winner of Group F.

Fluminense went through to the last 16 behind it in second after holding off Sundowns in a goalless stalemate.

Sundowns' exit means none of the four African clubs which came to the tournament will feature in the last 16.

The results: Group E: Inter Milan 2 (Esposito 72, Bastoni 90+3) bt River Plate 0; Urawa Red Diamonds 0 lost to Monterrey 4 (Deossa 30, Berterame 34, 90+7, Corona 38). **Group F:** Borussia Dortmund 1 (Svensson 36) bt Ulsan HD; Mamelodi Sundowns 0 drew with Fluminense 0.

India makes history, wins three gold at Asian doubles event

Sweeping success: The pair of Velavan-Abhay, Anahat-Joshna, and Abhay-Anahat, below, won all three titles. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SQUASH

Sports Bureau

India made history in the second Asian doubles squash championships in Kuching by securing a hattrick of gold medals in men's doubles, women's doubles, and mixed doubles – a feat never achieved before by the nation in any of the Asian or World doubles squash championships.

Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar defeated Pakistan's Noor Zaman and Nasir Iqbal 9-11, 11-5, 11-5 in 88 minutes in the men's title clash while in the women's final, Joshna Chinappa and Anahat overcame top seeds Amani and Xin Ying Yee of Malaysia 8-11, 11-9, 11-10 in an hour and five minutes.

Abhay and Anahat Singh scripted a 11-9, 11-7 win over Malaysia's Ameeshenraj Chandran and Rachel Arnold 11-9, 11-7 to bag the mixed doubles crown.

ICC introduces stop clock in new WTC cycle

CRICKET

Press Trust of India
DUBAI

The ICC has introduced stop clock in Test cricket to deal with slow over rates while allowing fielding teams to decide which batter should be on strike in case of a 'deliberate' short-run as part of the playing conditions for 2025-27 World Test Championship (WTC) cycle.

The new rules have been implemented from the new WTC cycle which got underway with the Sri Lanka-Bangladesh series which began at Galle.

According to the ICC Test Match Playing Conditions on the governing body's website, the use of the stop clock – like in limited-overs cricket – has been implemented to eradicate the issue of slow over-rate.

"The fielding side shall be ready to start each over within 60 seconds of the previous over being completed.

"An electronic clock will be displayed at the ground that counts up seconds from zero to 60," the ICC said.

The fielding side will thus be given two warnings and in case of a third infraction, the batting side will be awarded with five penalty runs.

These warnings will be reset to zero after the completion of 80 overs, the ICC said.

No ball change

Meanwhile, *ESPNcricinfo* reported that the ICC no longer mandates the umpires to change the ball once they discover saliva on it as the ban on the use of saliva remains in force.

The website added that the fielding teams may deliberately apply saliva on the ball to force a ball-change.

Going forward, the umpires will only change the ball if its condition has been drastically changed – like if it is too wet or there is more shine.

The ICC also said in case there are instances of referrals being made by both player and the on-field umpire, the process will be carried out in a chronological order, effectively as per the order of their occurrence.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Maharaja Socials edges Indiranagar

Maharaja Socials FC defeated Indiranagar FC in a penalty shootout in the quarterfinals of the BDFA 'C' division football league here on Wednesday.

The results:

BDFA 'C' Division: Quarterfinals: Pillanna Garden FC bt Konkan FC 2-0; Maharaja Socials FC drew with Indiranagar FC 0-0. Maharaja won 4-3 on penalties.

KSFA 'C' Division: Voictorial FC bt R.T. Nagar FC 3-1; Alchemy IFA bt Jogo Bonito Soccer 5-0.

Swastic Union CC (2)'s batters come good

Swastic Union Cricket Club (2)'s batters shone as it beat Friends Cricket Club by 250 runs in the KSCA under-19 inter-club tournament.

The scores:

Swastic Union Cricket Club (2) 384/5 in 50 overs (Talha Sheriff 91, R. Shiv 123, Rehan Mohammed 64, V. Nabhas 43) bt Friends Cricket Club 134 in 38.2 overs (Advik Rastogi 46, Pemmaraju Piyush Praful Sai 4/11).

Cavaliers Cricket Club 314 in 50 overs (Ahan Kaushik 32, J.V. Jeevan 75, S.S. Pragalbha 30, Raghav Aggarwal 49, Keerthi Krishna Hegde 39, Mohnish Shankar Sriramaneni 4/46) bt Merchants Cricket Club (1) 110 in 38.4 overs (Pratham Daga 3/19).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 210 in 45.4 overs (A.S. Manjunath 60, Nihaal Khan 73, P. Siddarth 4/24) lost to Neptune Cricket Club 214/6 in 38.3 overs (P. Ved 33, R. Chirag Mensinkai 45, S. Ashrith Reddy 64 n.o.).

The Bangalore Cricketers 174 in 37.4 overs (S. Daivik 36, Pratyush Chauhan 45, S. Pratham Raj 4/30) lost to Palar Sports Club, Kolar 178/2 in 21.5 overs (D. Chiranth 56 n.o., S. Leshan 92).

Rajajinagar Cricketers 231 in 50 overs (S. Rahul 53, Sai Kritin Yedidi 3/45, Ashitharya 3/39) bt Friends Union Cricket Club (1) 171 in 40.2 overs (A.A. Rohith 60 n.o., Sai Kritin Yedidi 33, S. Yash 3/31, C.B. Preetam 4/28).

Bangalore Sports Club 321 in 50 overs (Vaasav Venkatesh 50, S. Ananth 81, Prateekh Nagaraj 74, Rishabh Dhariwal 51, P. Hardik 3/36, Rajveer Padam Mehta 3/77) bt Minerva Cricket Club 85 in 24.3 overs (A. Mohnish Bharadwaj 47, R. Susheel Udupi 5/9).

Jawans Cricket Club 346/8 in 50 overs (Pratheek 59 , Nishchinth Parmashwar 86, Mohammad Ibrahim Rayyan 43, R. Prajwal Gowda 57) bt RVCE Gymkhana 197 in 47.1 overs (S. Adhithyan 31, J.P. Ronel 61, C. Niranjan Gowda 31, M. Neel Jain 3/40, J. Arya Gowda 4/37).

Social Cricketers 228/4 in 50 overs (T. Amruthraj 121 n.o., R. Chavanth Gowda 79 n.o.) bt Super Cricket Club 185 in 45.1 overs (Aryaman Jhalani 30, Raunak 31, P. Sri Bhagath 3/21).

Mathikere Cricket Club 128 in 40.1 overs (M. Dishanth 32, J. Pranshu Patel 3/21, Saksham Agrawal 3/31) lost to Coles Cricket Club 129/4 in 22.3 overs (N. Vinay 30, Vismay Raj 32, Hariharan Ganesh Ramani 34, K.S. Rohith 3/29).

Yankees Cricket Club 176 in 48.4 overs (Agastya Manoj 48, Dipten Bhattacharya 3/28) lost to Hammonds Cricket Club 179/3 in 40.2 overs (Vishruth Uday Krishna 100 n.o.).

Triumphant: Himanshi and Yeshwanth with their reward. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Yeshwanth and Himanshi reign

P. Yeshwanth and Himanshi Chowdhary clinch the men's and women's titles respectively in the the Second State ranking table tennis tournament organised by KGS Club here on Thursday.

The results (finals):

Men: P. Yeshwanth bt V.G. Vibhas 11-6, 11-8, 11-7, 11-3.

women: Himanshi Chowdhary bt Trupti Purohit 13-11, 11-5, 7-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-8.

SSVM Institutions inks deal with Angkor Tiger Football Club

Sports Bureau

SSVM Institutions, Coimbatore, announced an international partnership with Angkor Tiger Football Club, a premier Cambodian Premier League team based in the historic city of Siem Reap, on Thursday.

Angkor Tiger is part-owned by Indian company SkaSports Investments Private Limited which picked up a minority stake in August 2023.

Exchange programmes

SSVM Institutions will work closely with the senior management of Angkor Tiger FC to initiate student exchange programmes, educational excursions, and match-day experiences.

In addition, SSVM aims to open up global academic opportunities for young Cambodian talents through its internationally benchmarked educational systems.

Dr. Manimekalai Mohan, correspondent and founder, SSVM Institutions, said, "this partnership with Angkor Tiger FC bears testimony to our belief that true learning transcends the walls of a classroom".

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